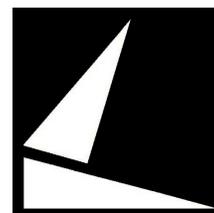


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Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) Testing of Grid-Following and Forming Inverters

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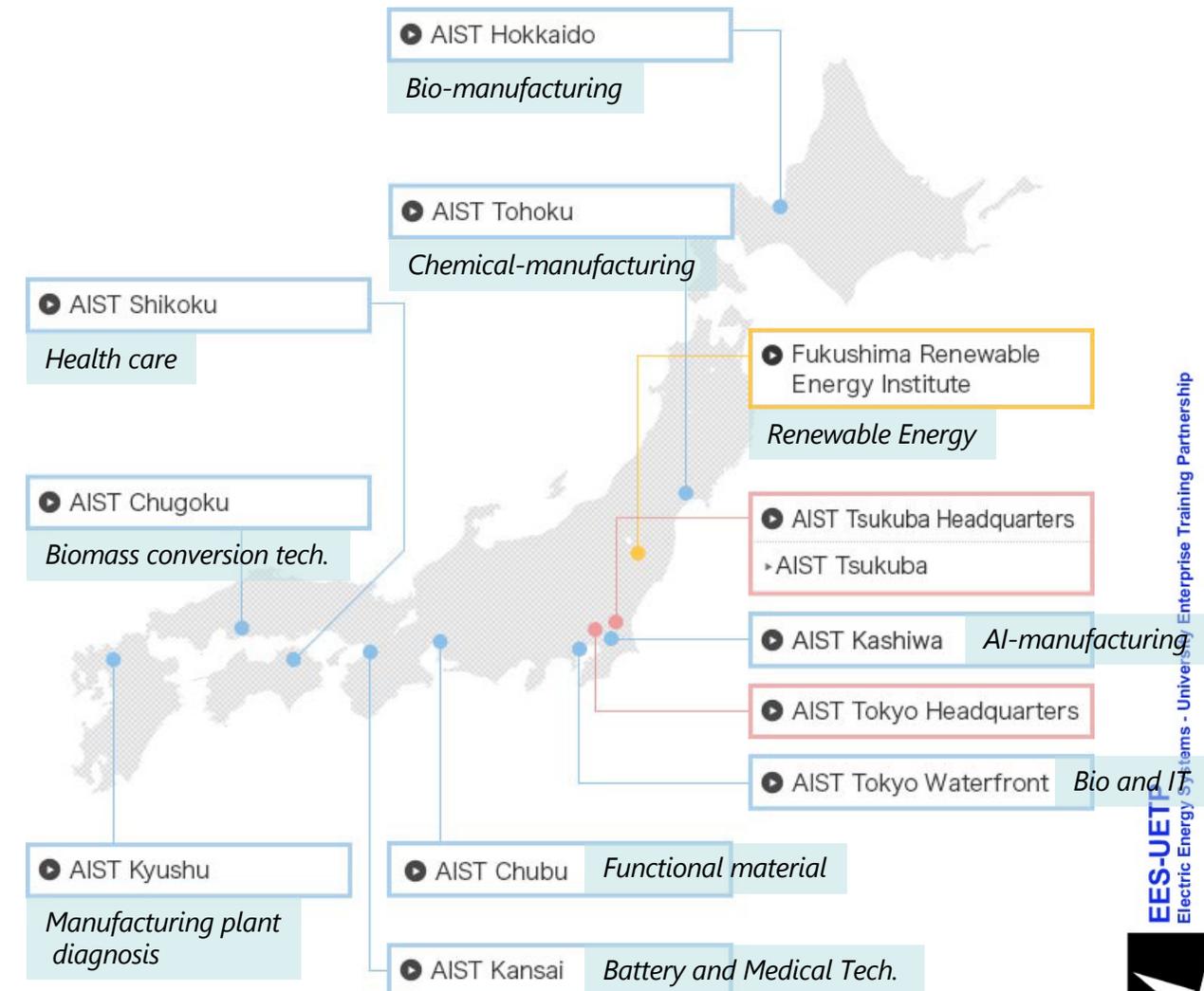


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- Summary

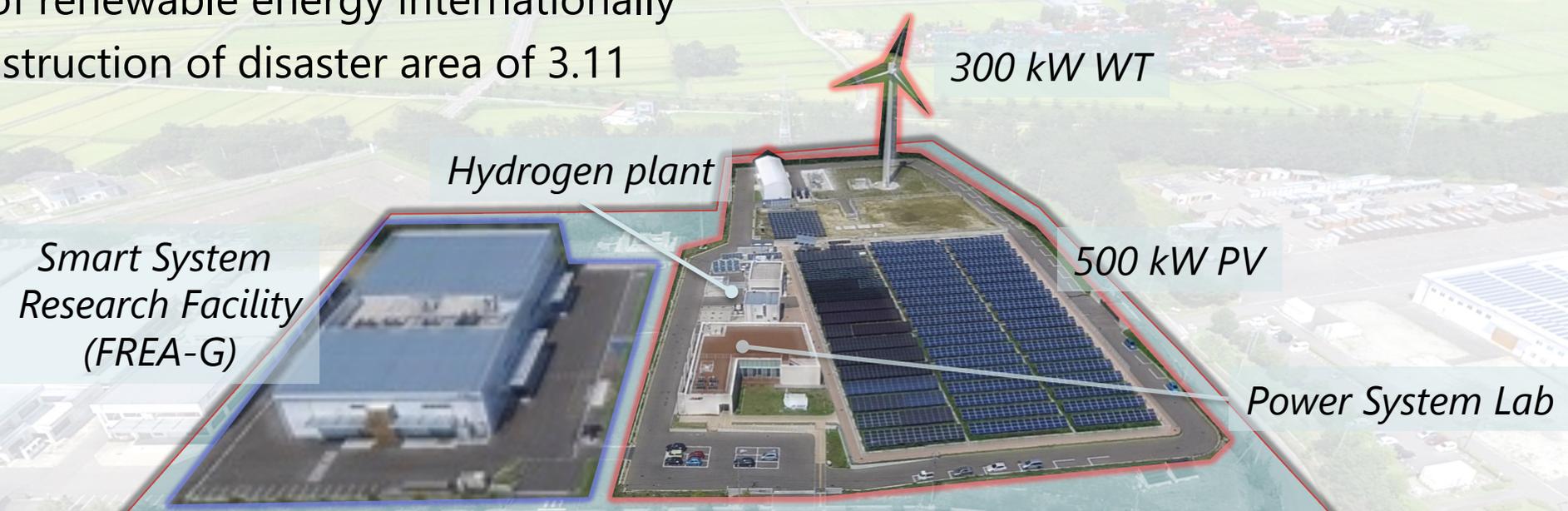
AIST (National Institute of **A**dvanced **I**ndustrial **S**cience and **T**echnology)

- Established in 2001 by reorganizing 16 institutes under METI
- Total income: 110 billion JPY
 - 90%: Government, 10%: Industry
- 2901 employees (as of July, 2022)
 - 2214 researchers
 - 687 administrative employees
 - + executives, visiting researchers, postdocs, technical staff
- 7 research departments



FREA (Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST)

- Established in Koriyama, Fukushima in 2014 for promoting
 - ▣ R&D of renewable energy internationally
 - ▣ Reconstruction of disaster area of 3.11



- Has over 200 researchers in 9 research teams



Energy Network



Hydrogen



Photovoltaic



Wind Power



Geothermal



Shallow Geothermal

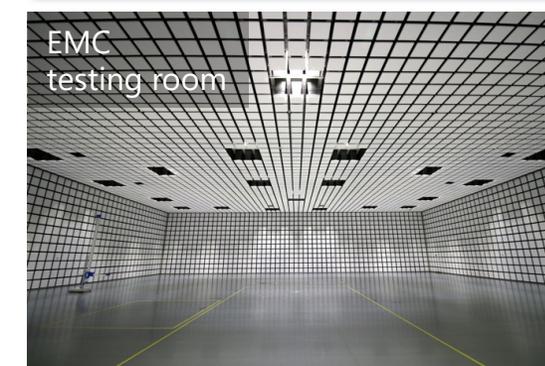
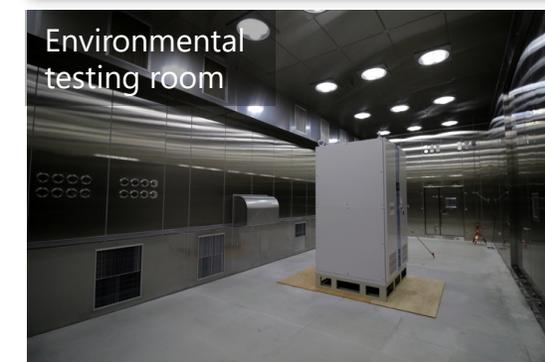
Power System Laboratory (Movie)



- AC source
 - ▣ Grid simulator: 500 kVA, 30 kVA
- DC source
 - ▣ PV simulator: 600 kW
 - ▣ Batter simulator: 207 kW
 - ▣ Lithium-ion battery: 16 kWh
- Inverter
 - ▣ GFM (VSG control)
 - ▣ GFL (smart inverter, virtual inertia, etc.)
- Digital real-time simulator (DRTS)
 - ▣ RTDS Technologies: NovaCor, PB5
 - ▣ Typhoon HIL: HIL604
- RLC load: 200 kVA
- Data acquisition system
- Connectivity to demonstration field

Smart System Research Facility called "FREA-G"

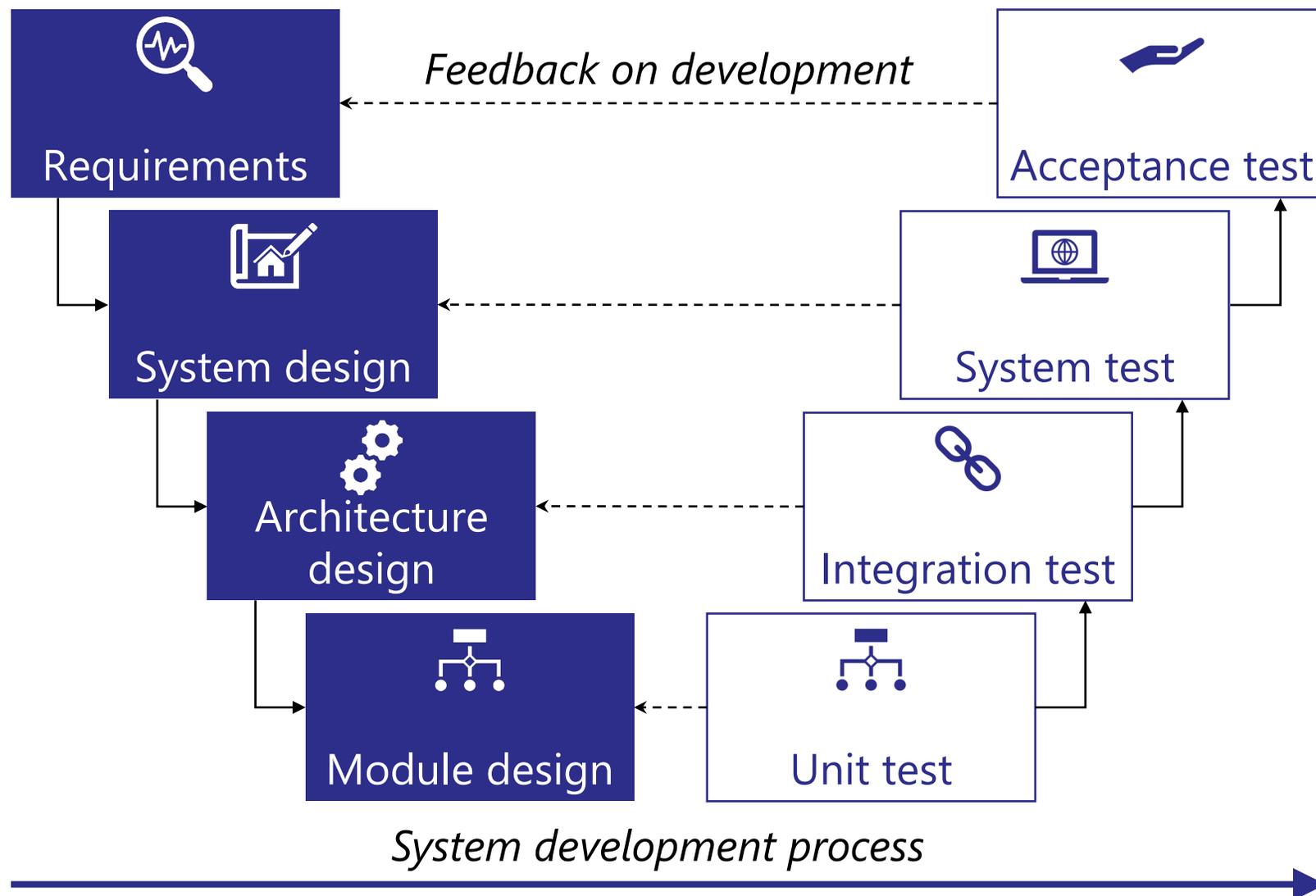
- Established in 2016 for testing large-size grid-connected inverters
- Testing capability
 - ▣ Grid simulator: AC 5 MVA (1.67 MVA × 3 units)
 - ▣ PV/battery simulator: DC 3.3 MVA, 2000 V
 - ▣ Grid interconnection testing room (L, M, S)
 - ▣ Environmental testing room: -40 to +85°C, 30 to 90%RH
 - ▣ EMC testing room: 34 m×34 m×7.8 m, largest in Japan



Our Team's Role

System operator & Manufacturer

Test lab & Certification body



Support R&D to accelerate distributed energy resource (DER) integration

1. Power system level
 - Power system analysis
 - **HIL testing**
2. DER level
 - Functional development
 - Conformance testing
 - Standardization

Why HIL Testing for Power Systems?

Increase in IBRs and Change in Required Roles

Evolution of grid support functions



Low

IBR penetration

High

IEEE Std 1547-2003

- **Shall NOT** actively regulate voltage
- **Shall** trip on abnormal voltage/frequency



IEEE Std 1547a-2014
(Amendment 1)

- **May** actively regulate voltage
- **May** ride through abnormal voltage or frequency
- **May** provide frequency response



IEEE Std 1547-2018

- **Shall be capable of** actively regulating voltage
- **Shall** ride through abnormal voltage/frequency
- **Shall be capable of** frequency response

Source: NREL

IEEE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION



Significant Increase in Inverter Test Items

1547 Content Growth

	<u>1st Edition</u>	→	<u>2nd Edition</u>
1547 technical content:	13 pages	→	127 pages
1547.1 technical content:	54 pages	→	256 pages

New/significantly modified 1547-2018 content in red:

4. General interconnection technical specifications and requirements

- 4.2 Reference points of applicability
- 4.3 Applicable voltages
- 4.4 Measurement accuracy
- 4.5 Cease to energize performance requirement
- 4.6 Control capability requirements
- 4.7 Prioritization of DER responses
- 4.8 Isolation device
- 4.9 Inadvertent energization of the Area EPS
- 4.10 Enter service
- 4.11 Interconnect integrity
- 4.12 Integration with Area EPS grounding
- 4.13 Exemptions for Emergency Systems and Standby DER

5. Reactive power capability and voltage/power control requirements

- 5.2 Reactive power capability of the DER
- 5.3 Voltage and reactive power control
- 5.4 Voltage and active power control

6. Response to Area EPS abnormal conditions

- 6.2 Area EPS faults and open phase conditions
- 6.3 Area EPS reclosing coordination
- 6.4 Voltage
- 6.5 Frequency
- 6.6 Return to service after trip

7. Power quality

- 7.1 Limitation of dc injection
- 7.2 Limitation of voltage fluctuations induced by the DER
- 7.3 Limitation of current distortion
- 7.4 Limitation of overvoltage contribution

8. Islanding

- 8.1 Unintentional islanding
- 8.2 Intentional islanding

9. DER on distribution secondary grid/area/street (grid) networks and spot networks

- 9.1 Network protectors and automatic transfer scheme requirements
- 9.1 Distribution secondary grid networks
- 9.2 Distribution secondary spot networks

10. Interoperability, information exchange, information models, and protocols

- 10.1 Interoperability requirements
- 10.2 Monitoring, control, and information exchange requirements
- 10.3 Nameplate information
- 10.4 Configuration information
- 10.5 Monitoring information
- 10.6 Management information
- 10.7 Communication protocol requirements
- 10.8 Communication performance requirements
- 10.9 Cyber security requirements

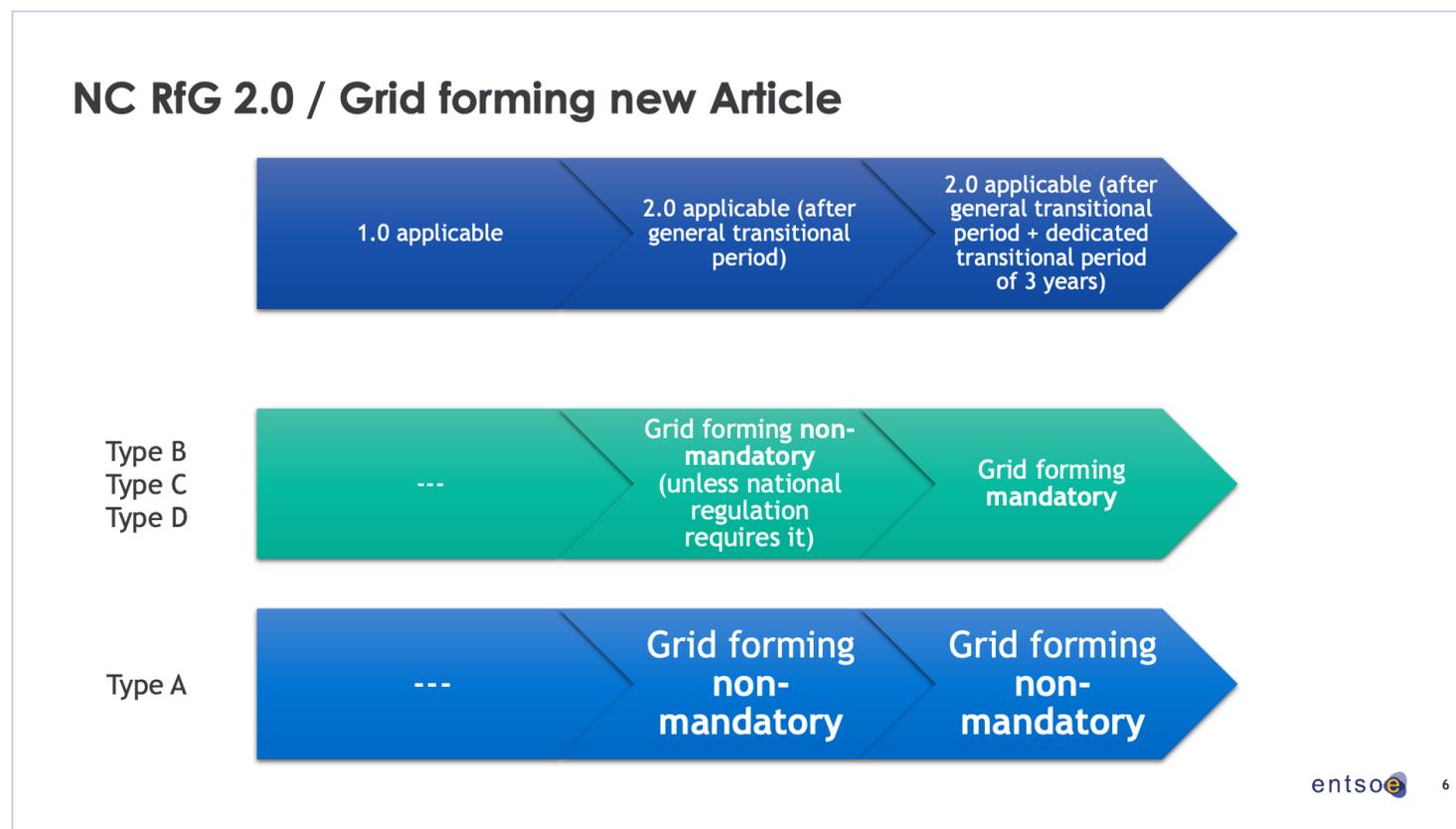
11. Test and verification requirements

- 11.2 Definition of test and verification methods
- 11.3 Full and partial conformance testing and verification
- 11.4 Fault current characterization



Need to Carefully Evaluate Interaction between Grid and Inverters

- Implementation of grid-forming (GFM) capability is just around the corner
 - NC RfG 2.0 with GFM requirement will be issued in 2024 and reflected in the National Grid Code in 3 years
 - Inverter performance will further impact the reliable power system operation



HIL Simulation is a Flexible and Reliable Testing Method

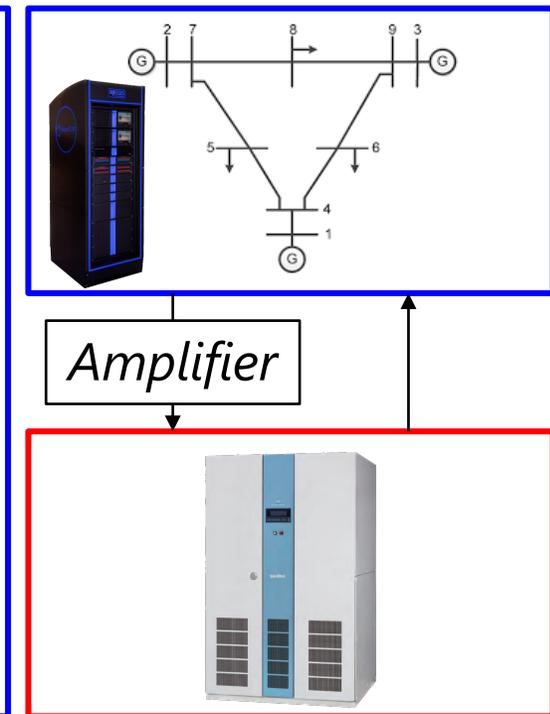
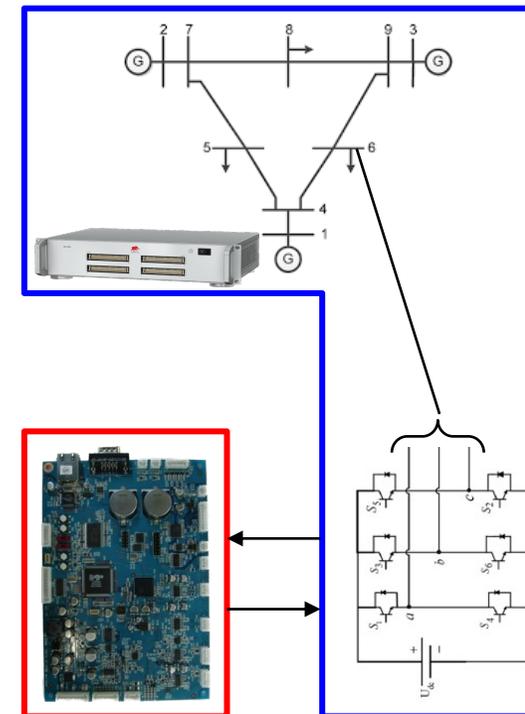
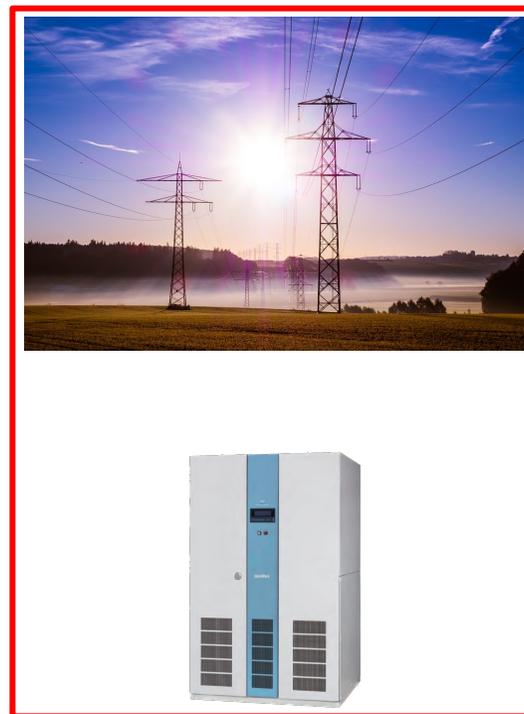
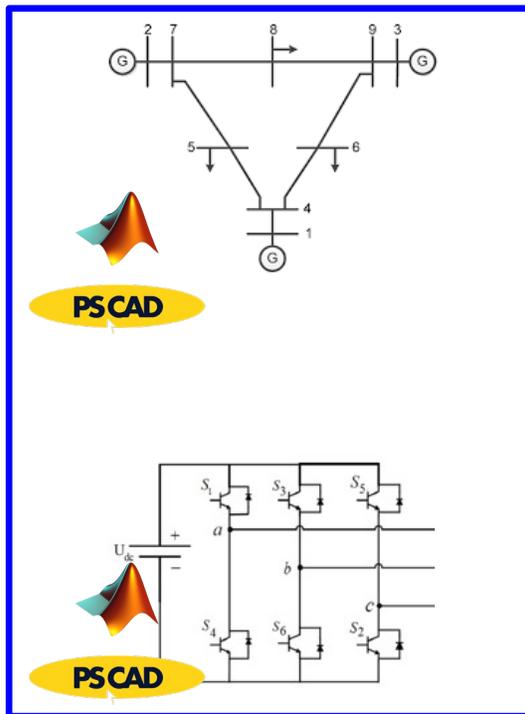
Hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulation

Controller HIL (CHIL) Power HIL (PHIL)

Simulation

Demonstration

Grid



Inverter

Flexibility (Grid) **High**

Low

High

Fidelity (Inverter) Low

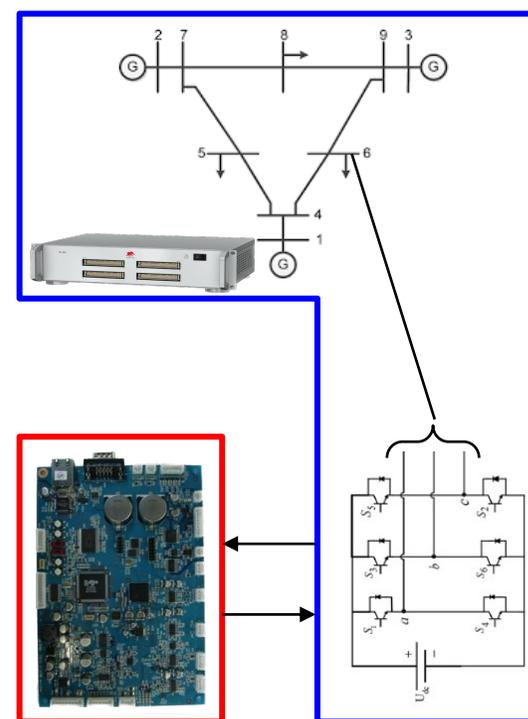
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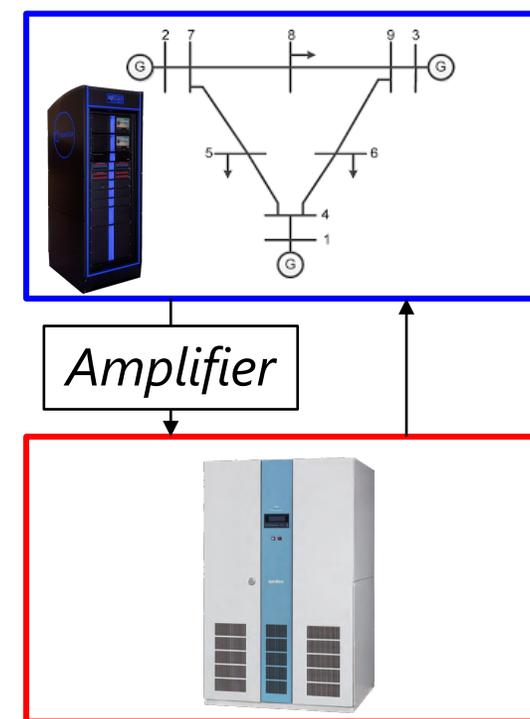
CHIL vs. PHIL

- Both are powerful verification methods, but if we had to choose...
- CHIL is simpler to implementation
 - PHIL has interface issues
 - Suitable for development by manufactures
- PHIL is more realistic
 - CHIL does not include a real power unit
 - Suitable for evaluation by utility

Controller HIL (CHIL)



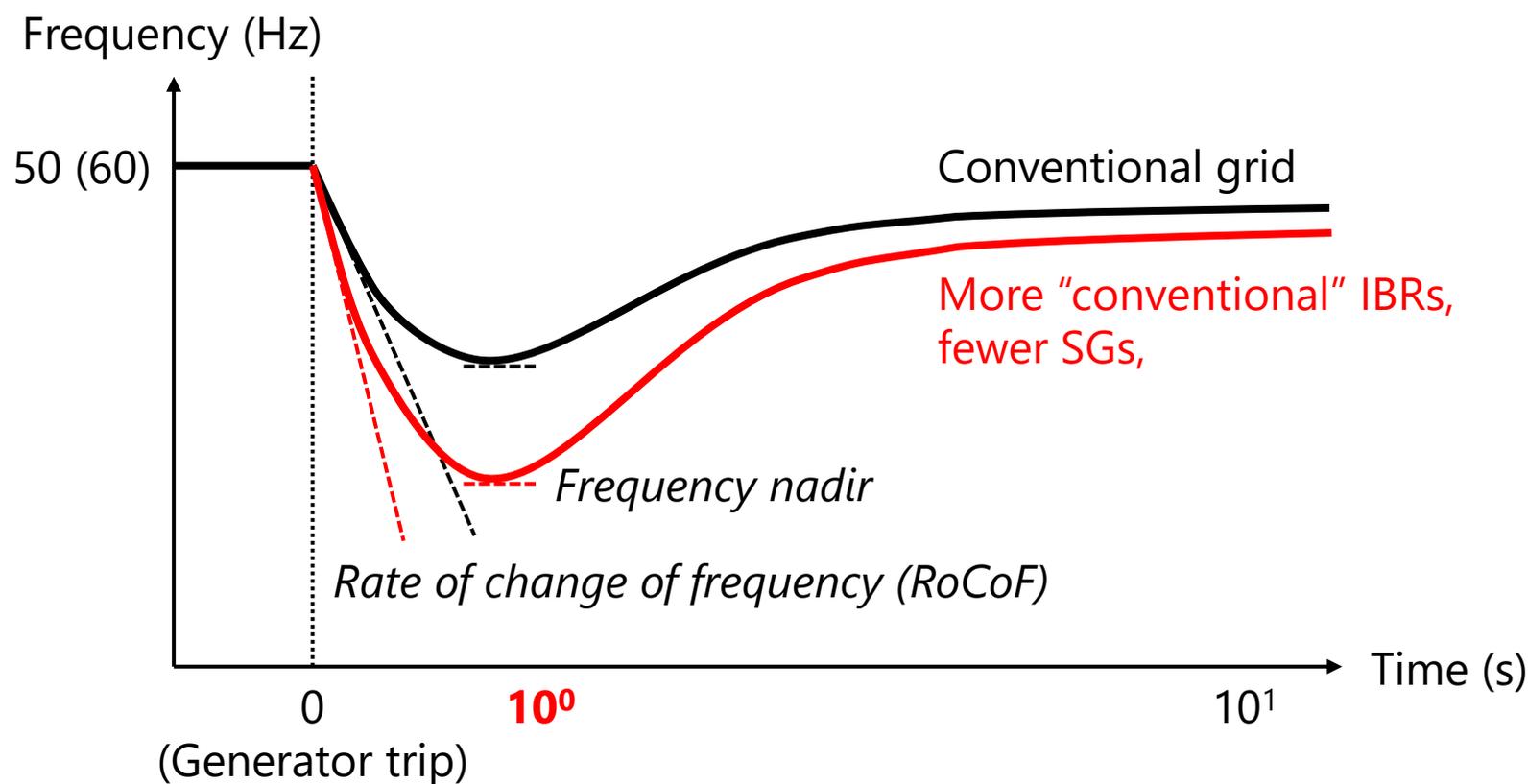
Power HIL (PHIL)



HIL Testing for GFL and GFM Inverters with Virtual Inertia

IBR is Expected to Replace Some of Services Provided by SG

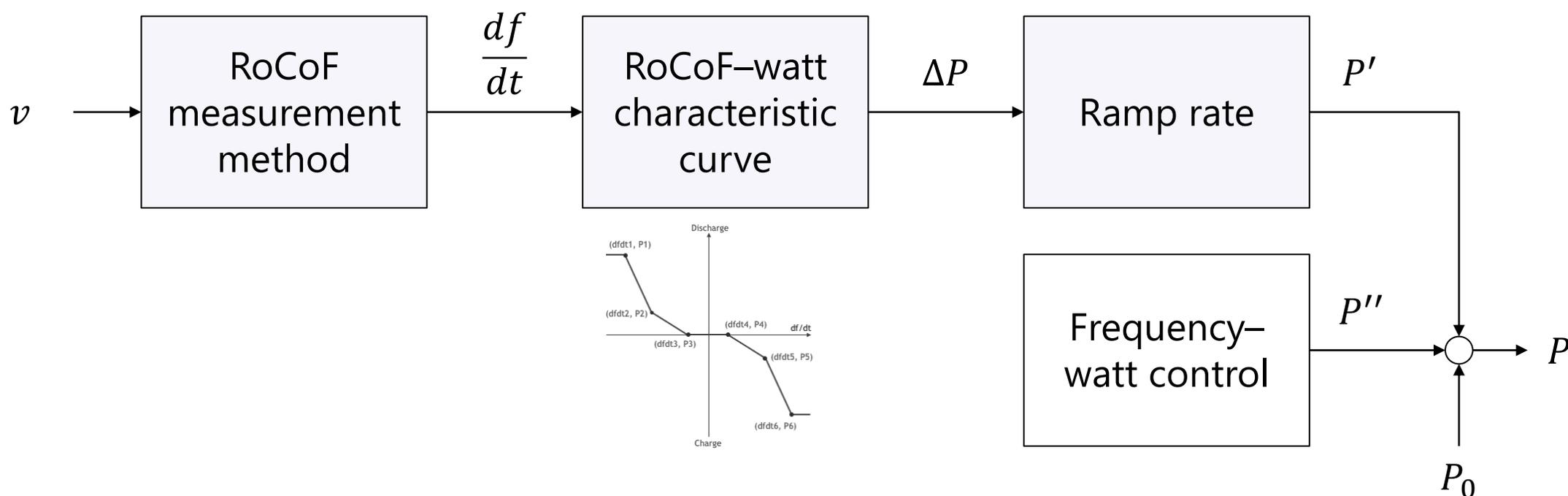
- Reducing the number of synchronous generators (SGs) decline grid frequency stability
- Frequency control including **inertial response** is required for inverter based-resources (IBRs)
- Their performance in hardware has not been discussed well



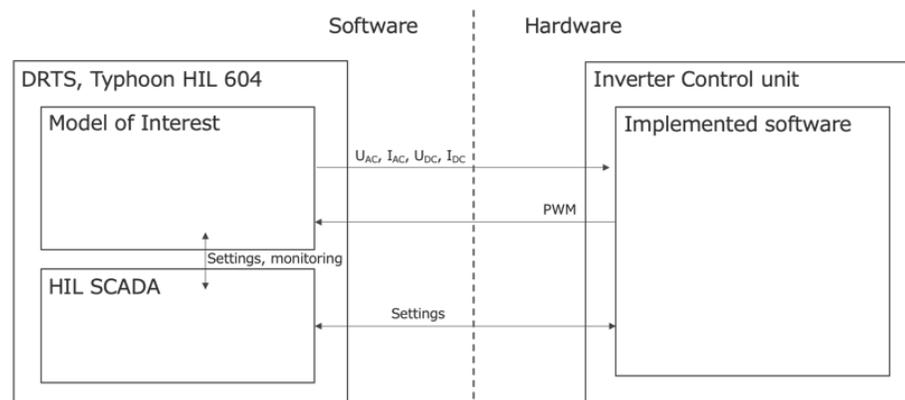
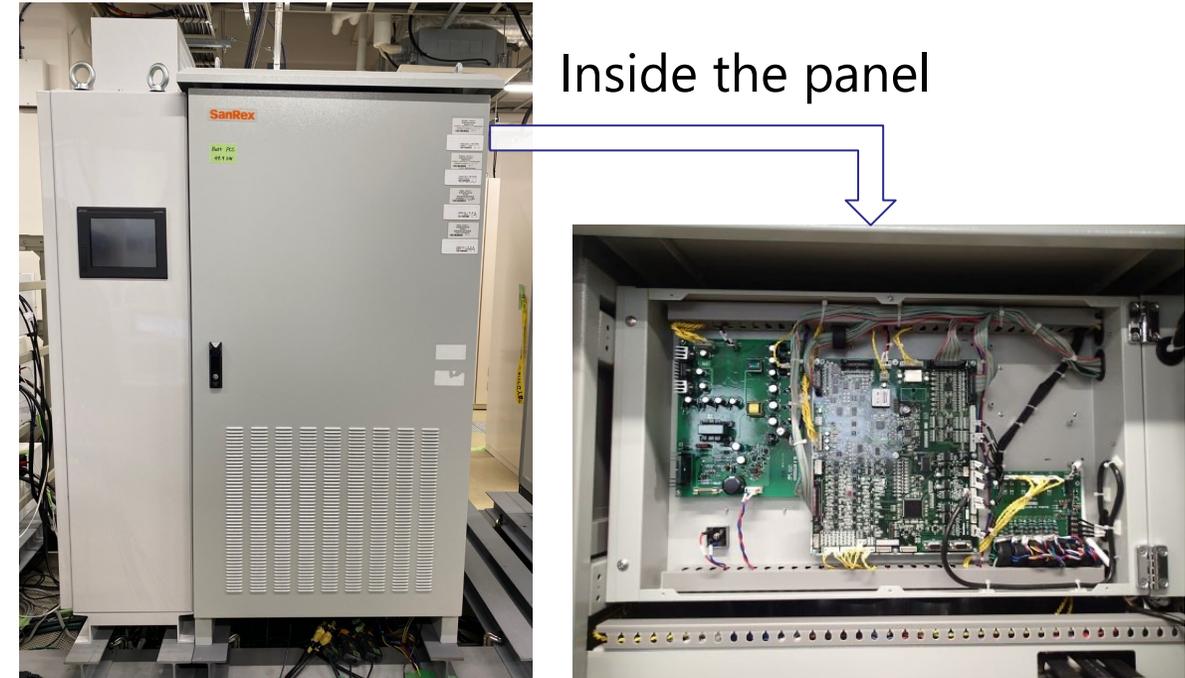
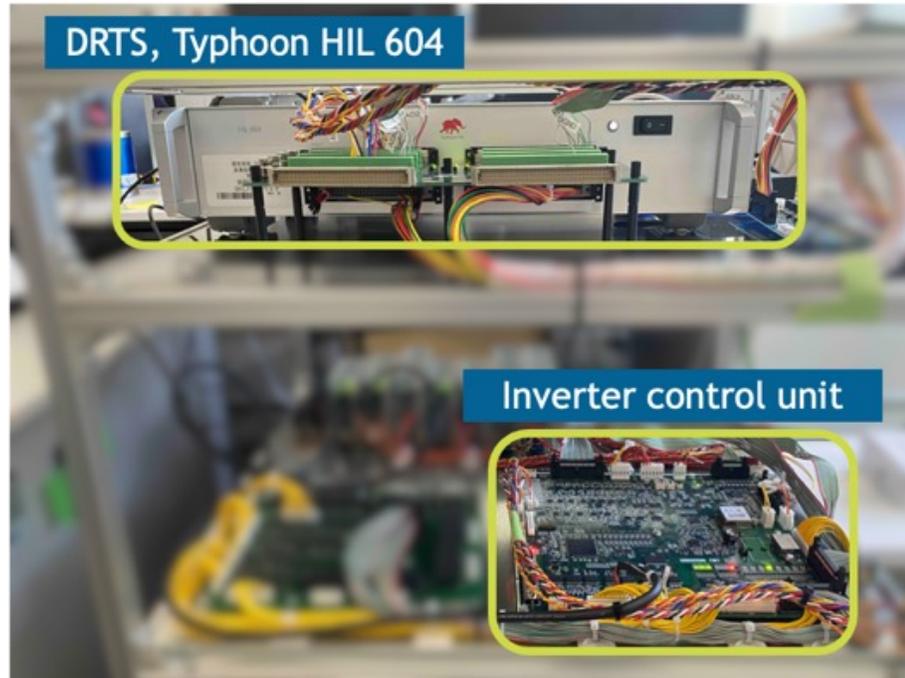
CHIL Testing to Develop df/dt Function

Development of df/dt Function

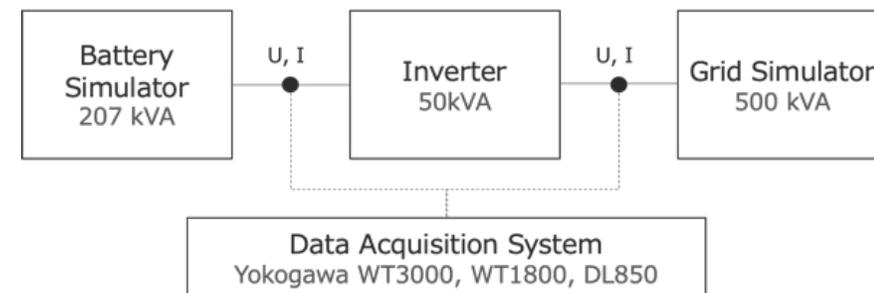
- A virtual inertia control of grid-following (GFL) inverter
 - ▣ Many control parameters
 - ▣ Coexist with other grid-supporting functions (frequency-watt, reactive power control, etc.)



CHIL Test Accuracy Verification



CHIL setup

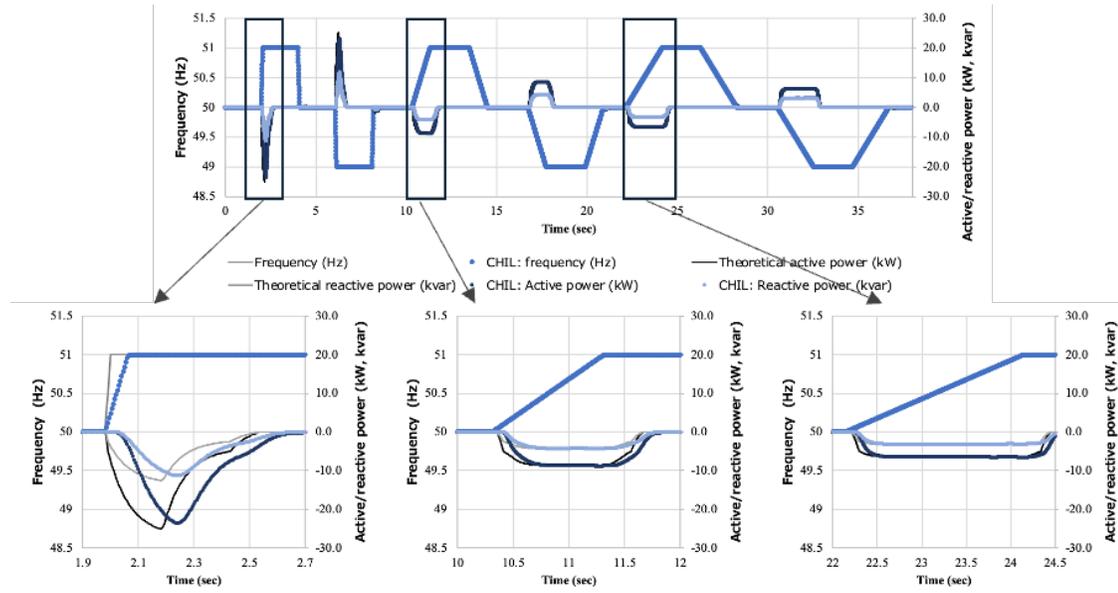


Laboratory setup

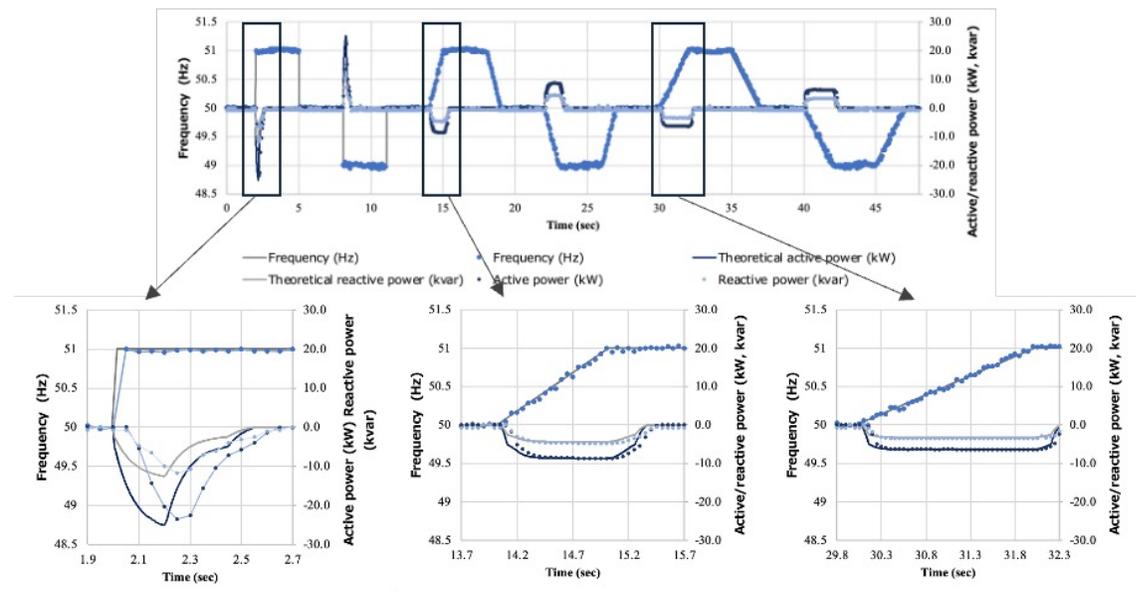


Active/Reactive Power Response Matched within $\pm 1.0\%$

Target	Num. of cases	setting	Unit
Active power setting	5 cases	-1.0, -0.5, 0.0 , 0.5, 1.0	Pu
Ramp time of frequency disturbances	3 cases	0.0 (Step) , 1.0, 2.0	sec
Deviation of frequency disturbances	3 cases	0.1, 0.5, 1.0	Hz

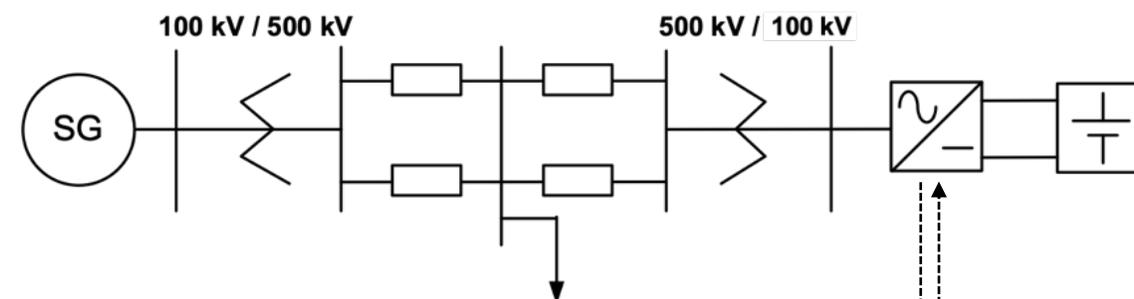
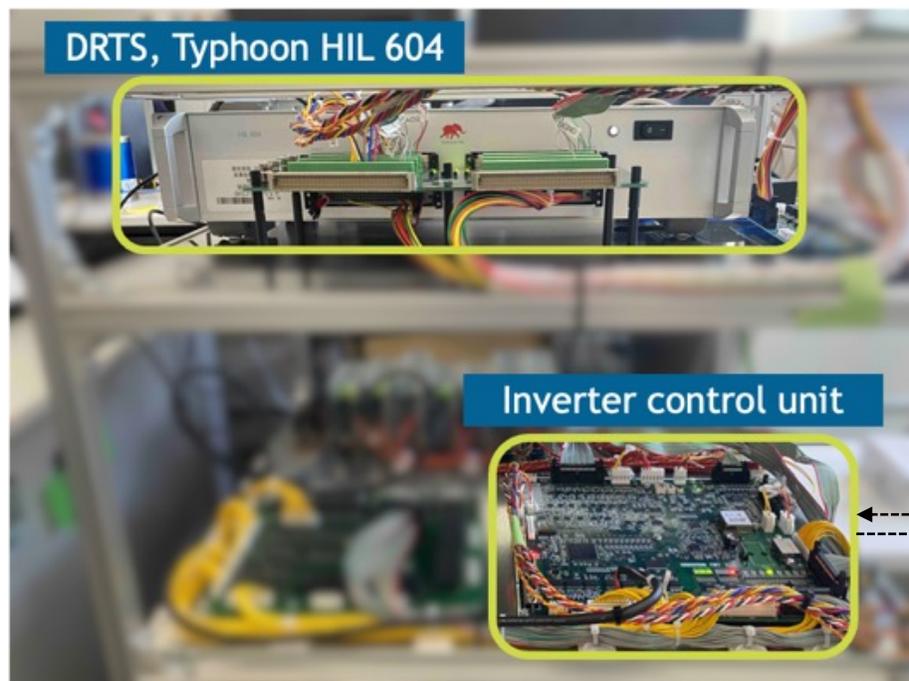


**CHIL testing
(controller response)**



**Laboratory testing
(entire inverter response)**

CHIL Setup for Parameter Sensitivity Analysis

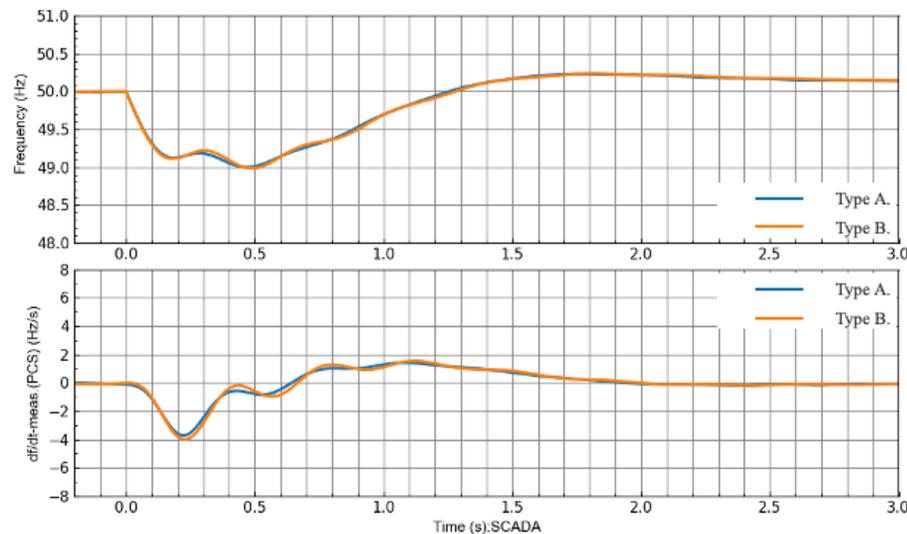
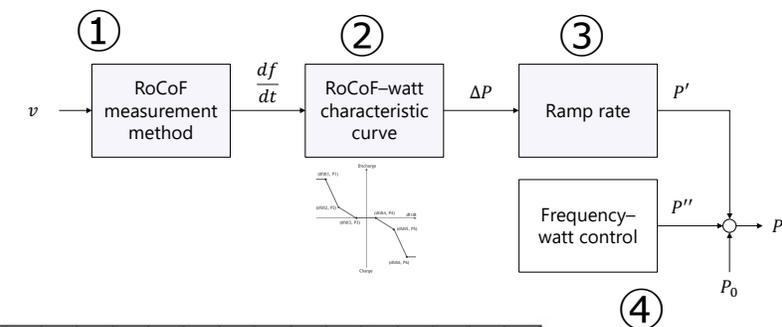


V, I measurement

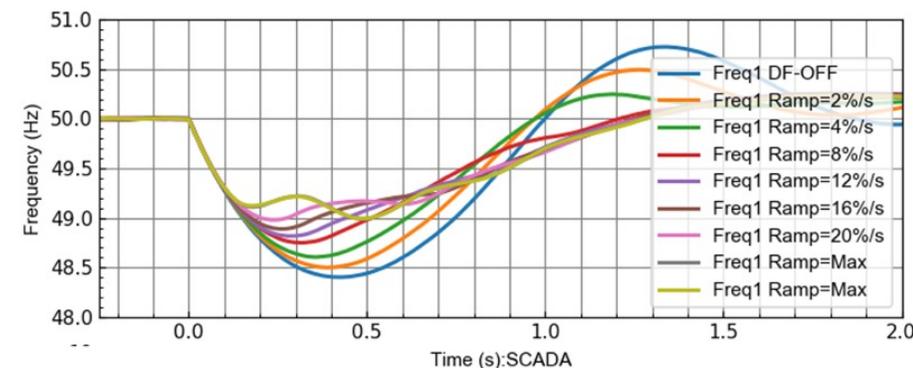
PWM signal

- Synchronous generator (SG): 300 kVA, 150 kW output
- Inverter-based resource (IBR): 300 kVA, 150 kW output
- Load: 300 kW => 320 kW

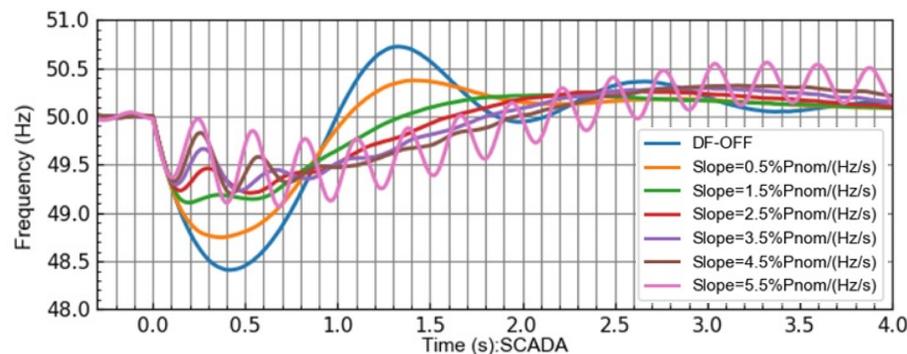
Result of Parameter Sensitivity by CHIL Testing



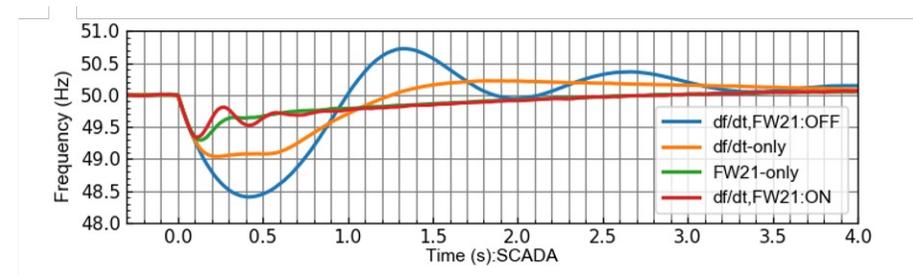
① RoFoC measurement method



③ Ramp rate



② RoCoF-watt curve



④ Frequency-watt control activation

Others: time window, dead band, etc.



Pros and Cons of CHIL Testing

- Easy to implement, debug, and perform sensitivity analysis
 - Significant advantages for manufacturers

- Cannot evaluate performance including power unit
 - System operators may require the performance evaluation of the entire inverter
 - Simulation model submission
 - **PHIL testing**

PHIL Testing for Performance Evaluation of Inverters from Different Manufacturers

Tested Five Inverter Prototypes with Virtual Inertia Control

Grid-following inverter

Grid-forming inverter

GFL 1

GFL 2

GFM 0

GFM 1

GFM 2

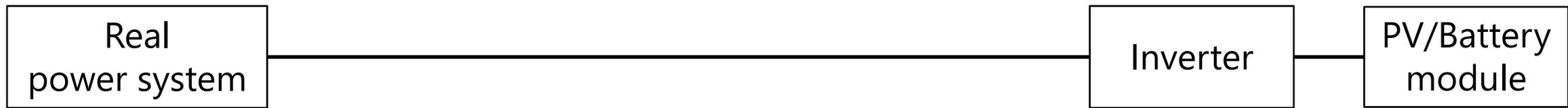
	Grid-following inverter		Grid-forming inverter		
	GFL 1	GFL 2	GFM 0	GFM 1	GFM 2
Control function	df/dt-P droop f-P droop	df/dt-P droop f-P droop	VSM Q-V droop	P-f droop Q-V droop	VSM Q-V droop
Rated capacity (kVA)	20	49.9	12	20	50
Rated AC voltage (V)	200	200	420	200	440



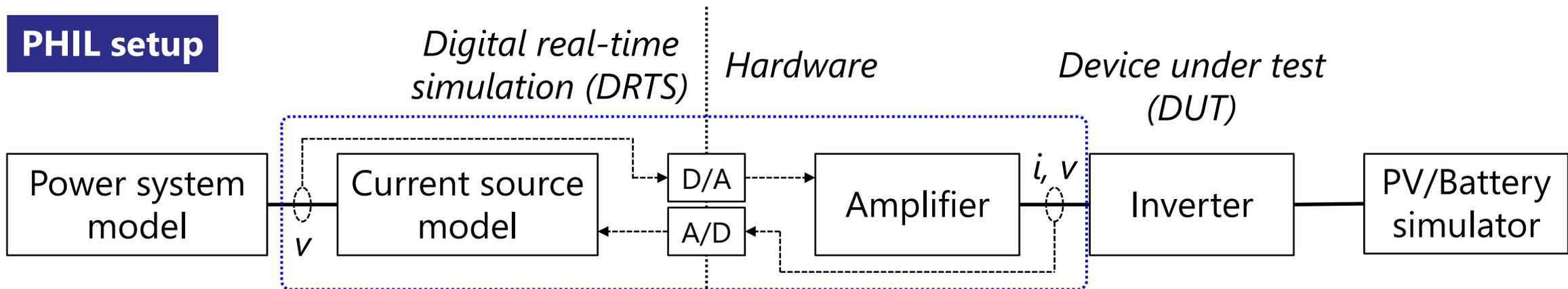
Major Challenges of PHIL Testing

- **PHIL interface** is a key part that contributes to
 - **Flexibility, stability, and accuracy** of PHIL setup
- Node limitation for real-time simulation
 - Node reduction modeling without loss of important information

Real interconnection

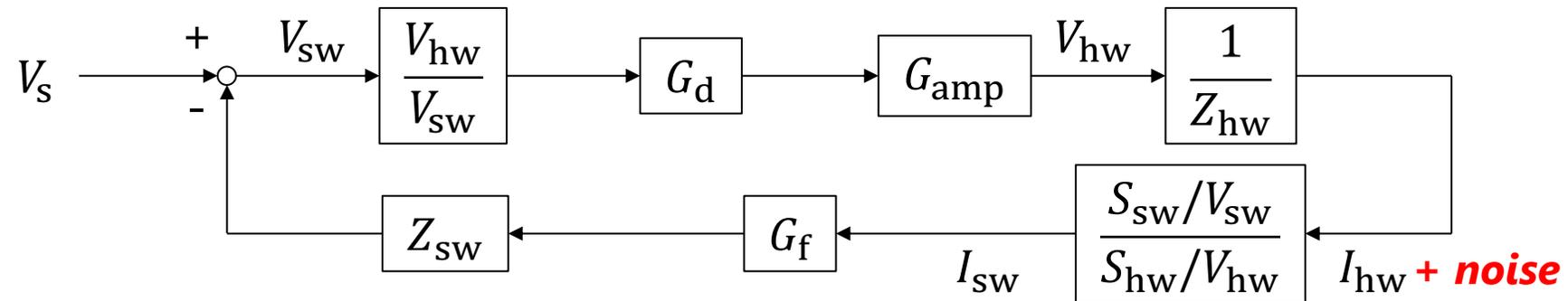
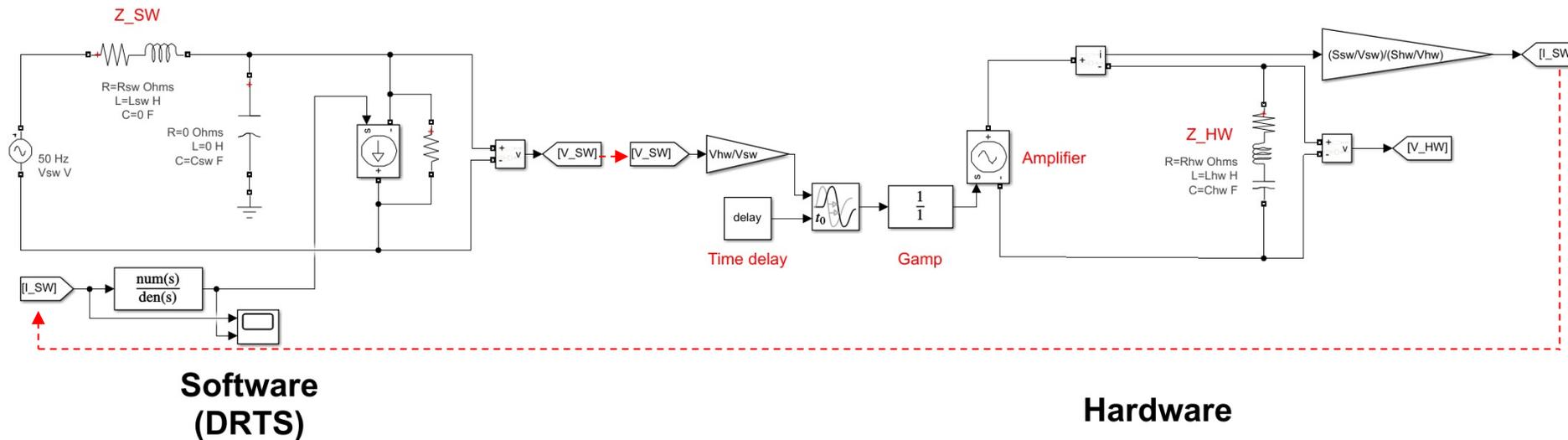


PHIL setup



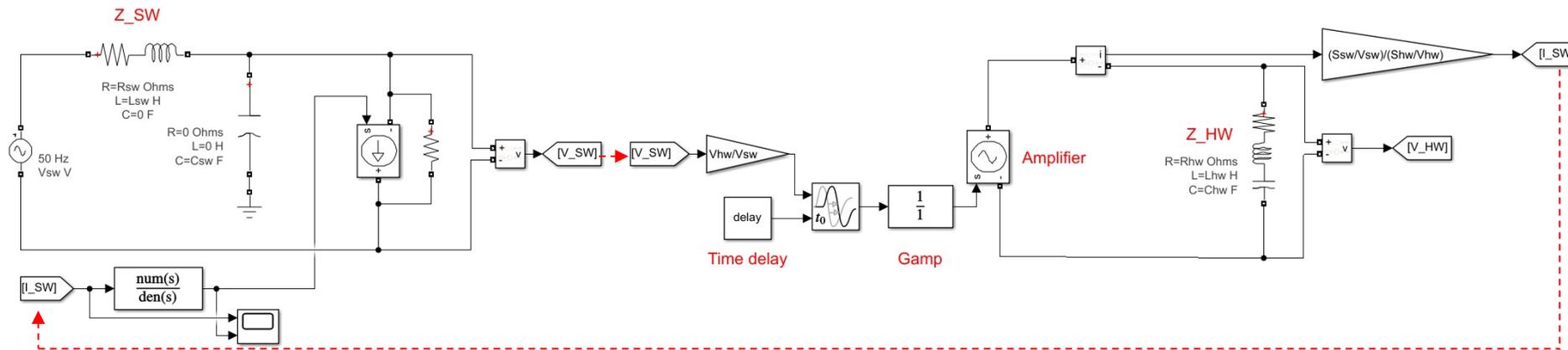
Inserted PHIL interface

Stability Assessment of PHIL Simulation



$$\frac{Z_{sw}}{Z_{hw}} \cdot \frac{S_{sw}/V_{sw}}{S_{hw}/V_{hw}} \cdot \frac{V_{hw}}{V_{sw}} > 1 : \text{Oscillating error continues to increase (intuitive understanding)}$$

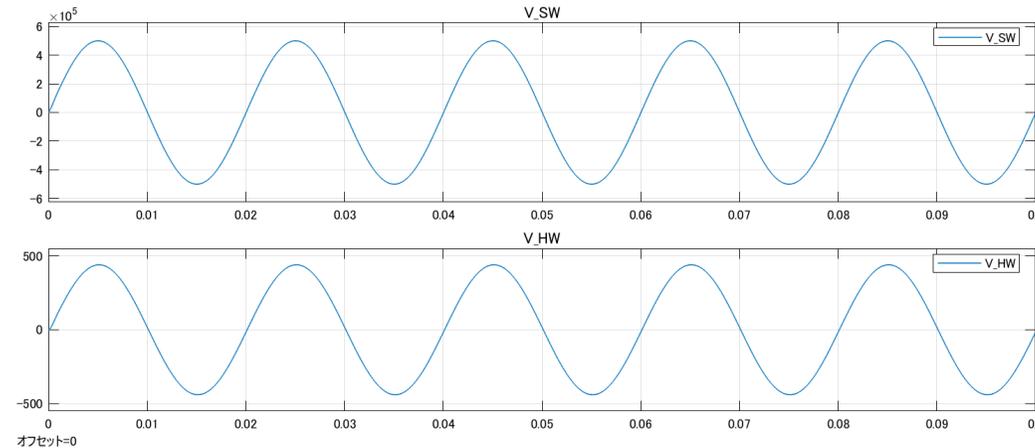
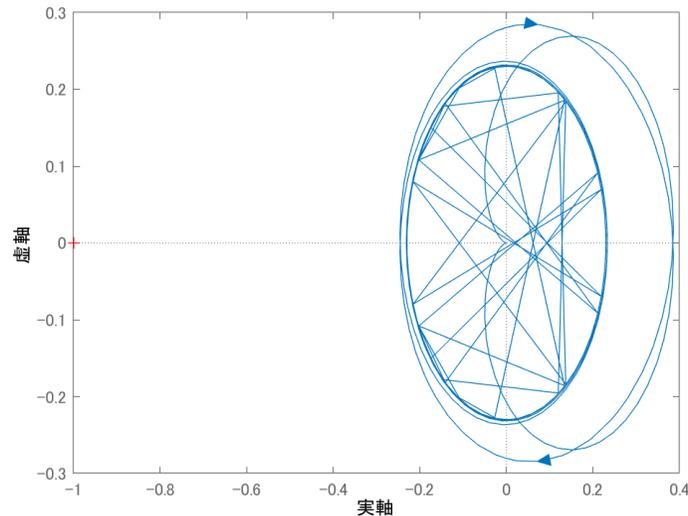
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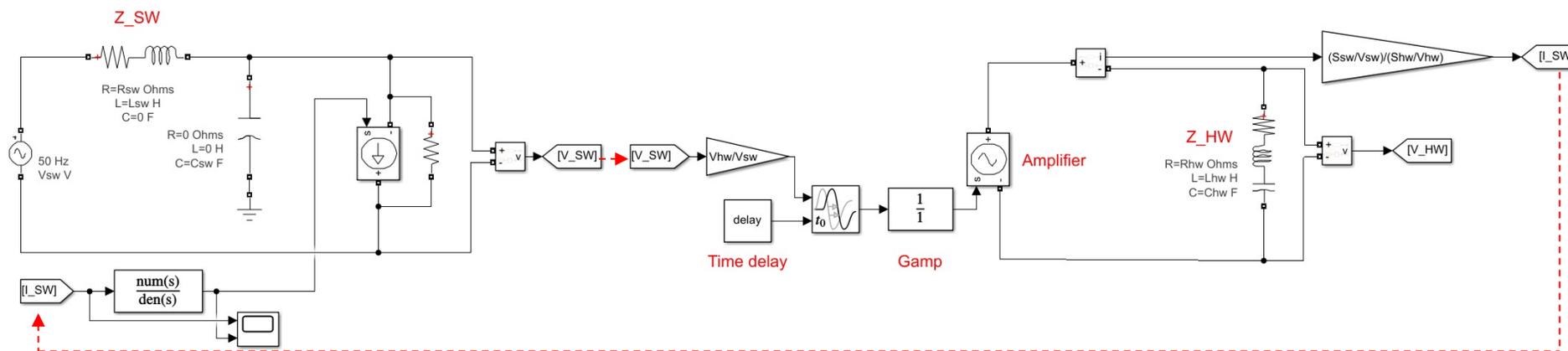
Software (DRTS)

Hardware

Nyquist plot



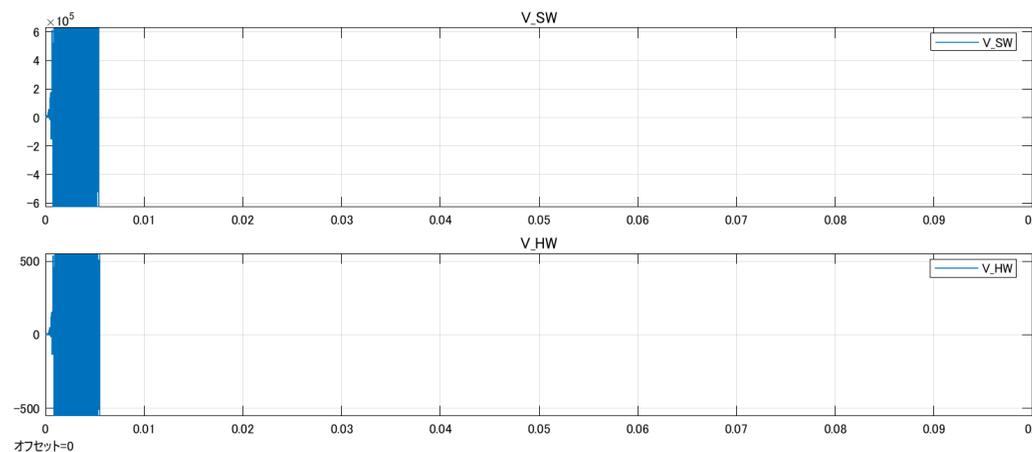
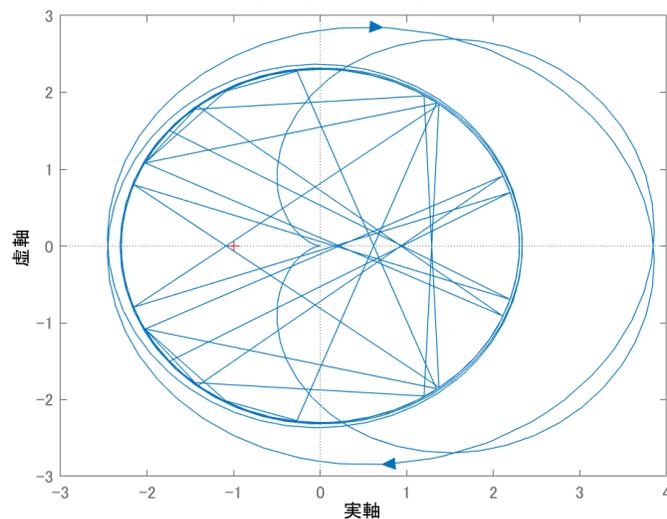
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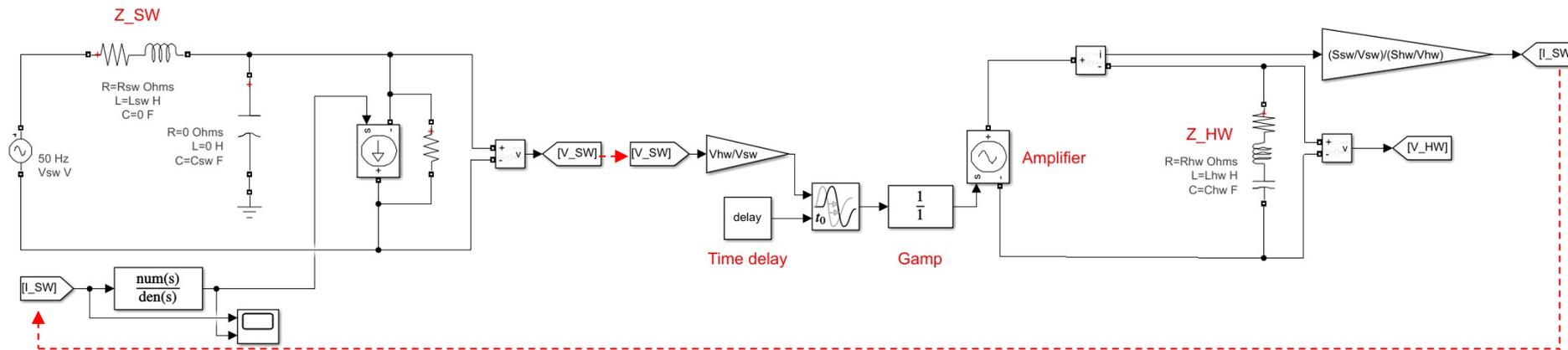
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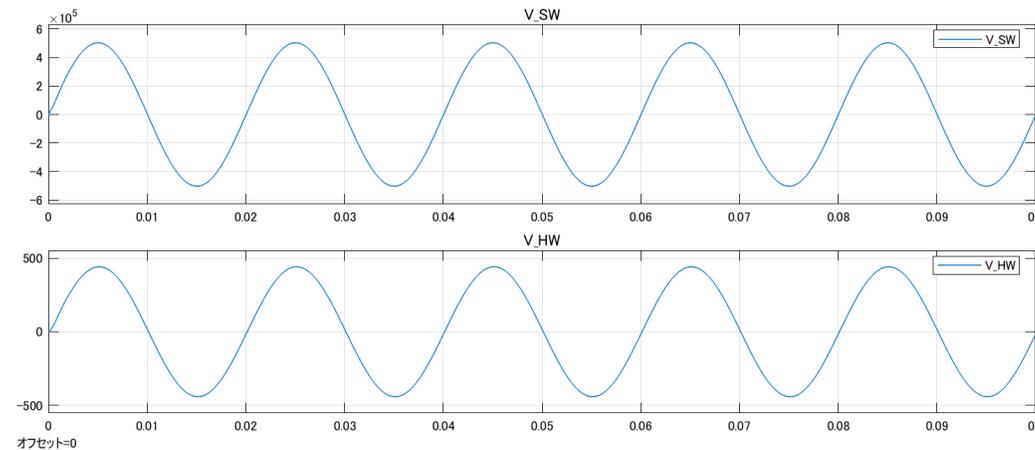
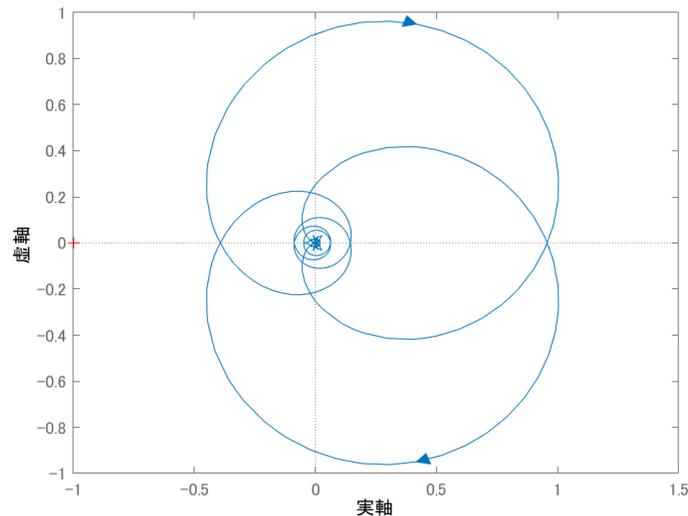
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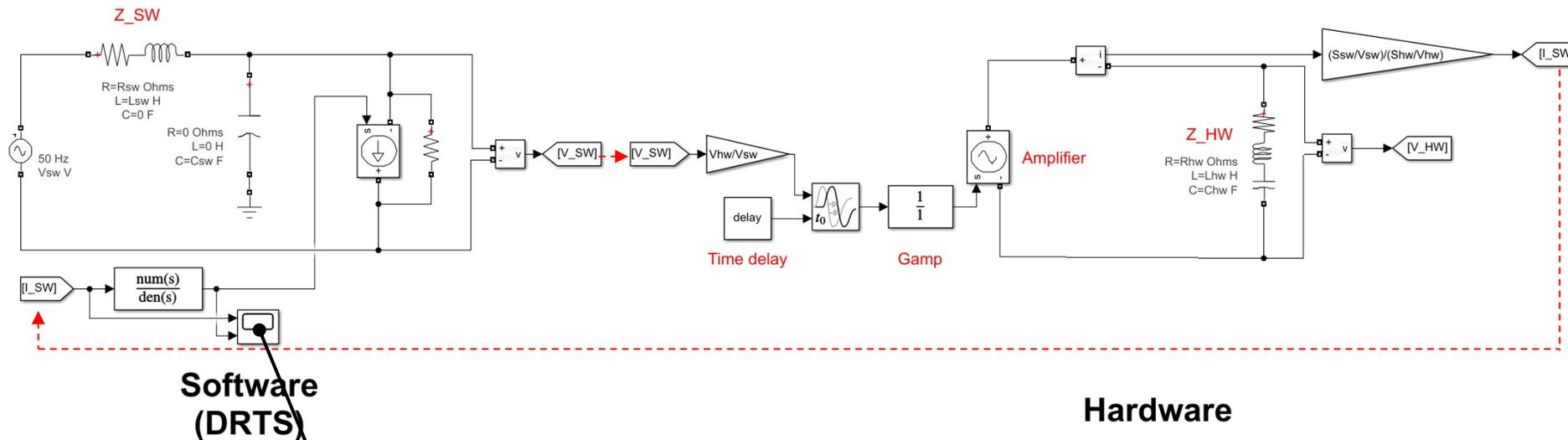
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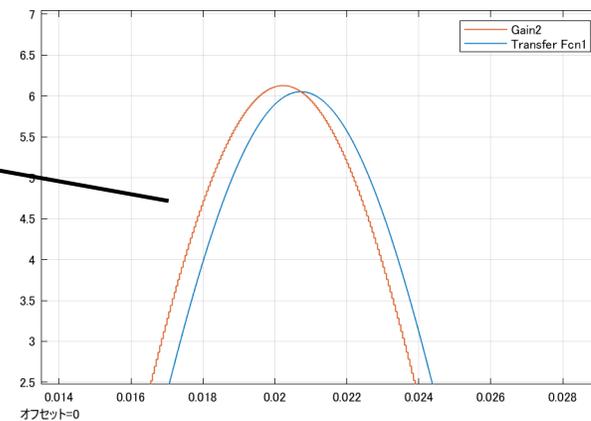
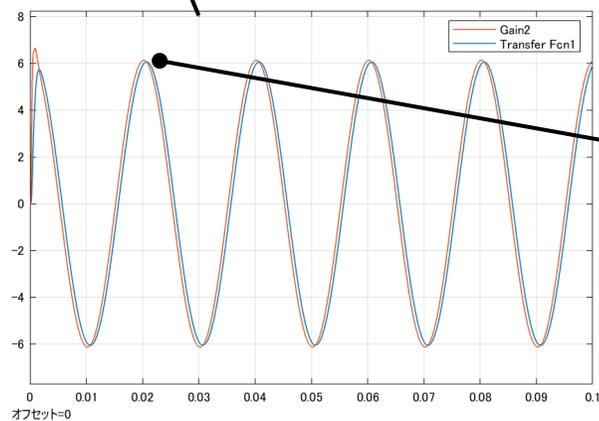


$S_{SW} = 100 \text{ MW}, \tau = 500 \mu\text{s}$: Stable, but Slightly Inaccurate

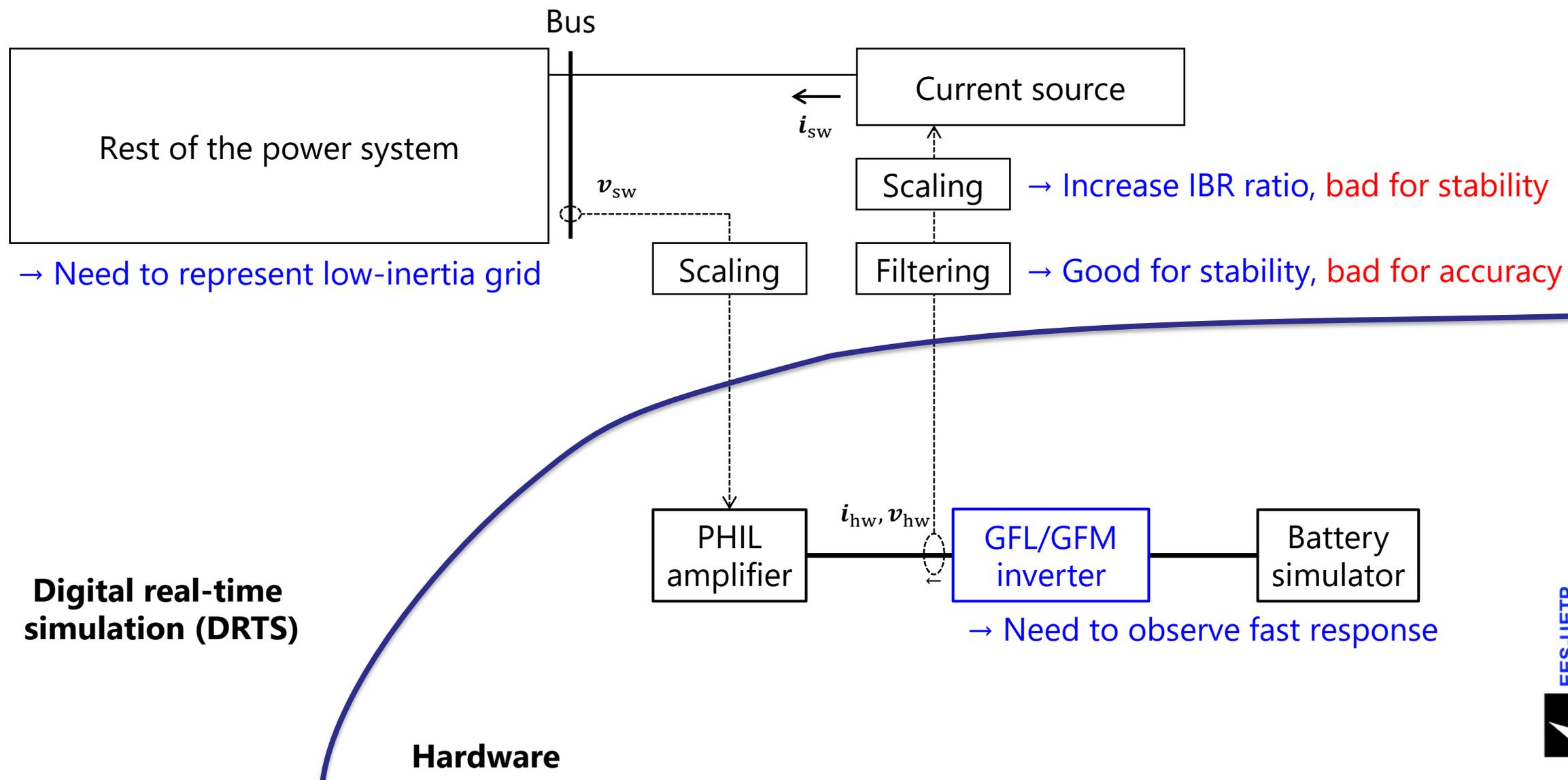


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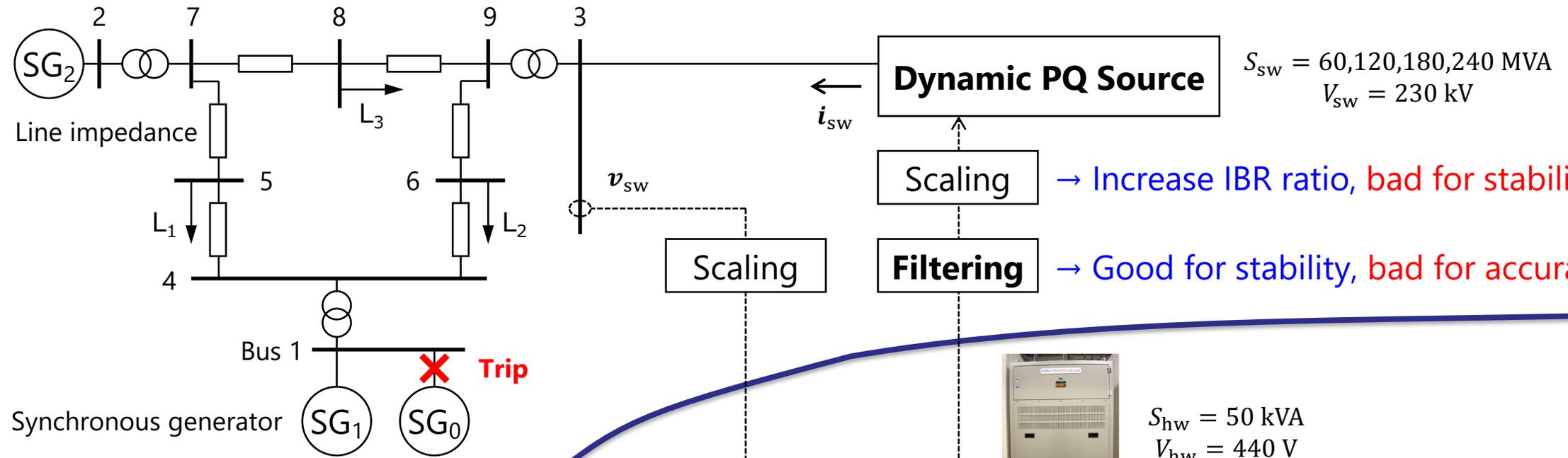


Building Stable and Accurate PHIL Environment of Low-Inertia Grid was Difficult



PHIL Test Setup for GFL/GFM Inverters Using Modified IEEE 9-Bus System Model

Modified IEEE 9-bus system model (300 MW)

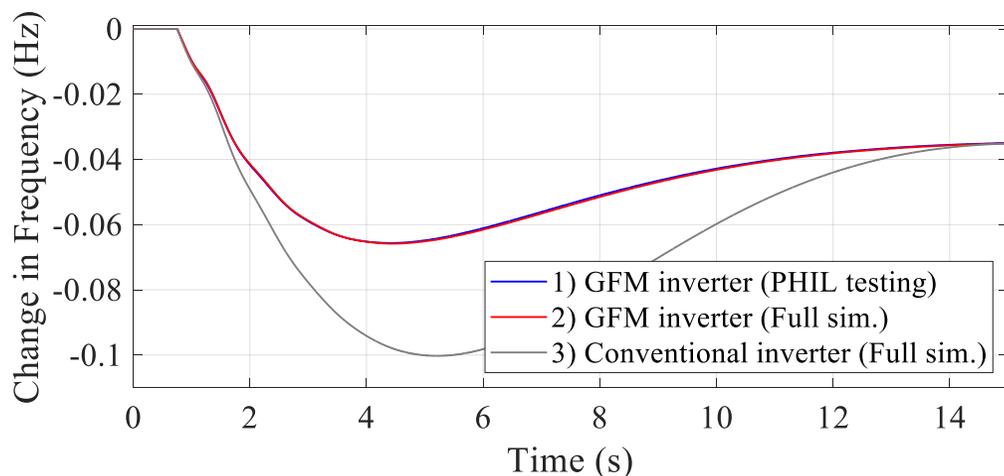
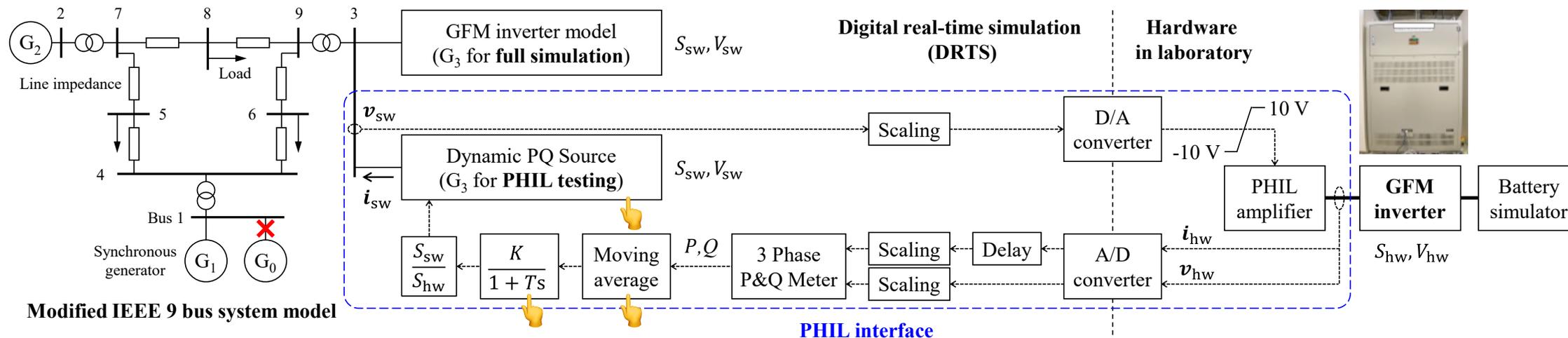


Digital real-time simulation (DRTS)

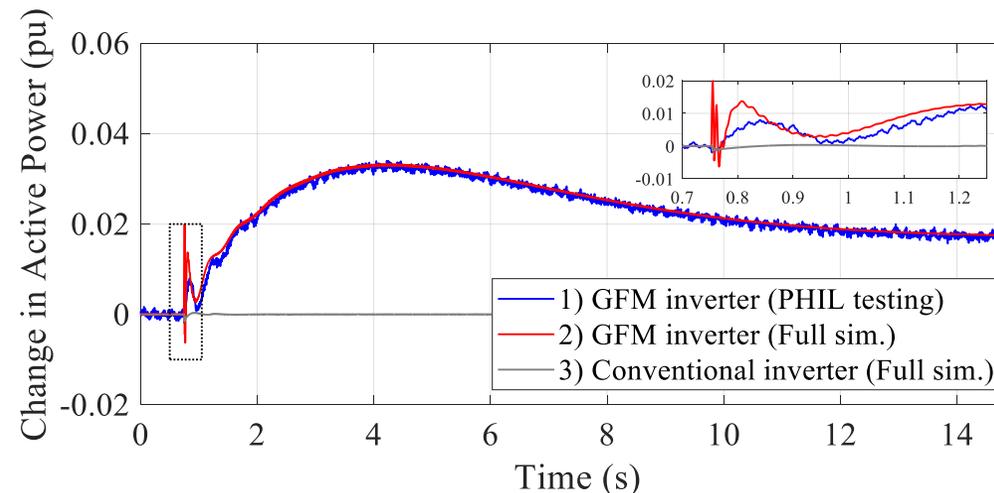
Hardware



PHIL Testing Can be Conducted Stably in Most Cases with Adequate Accuracy



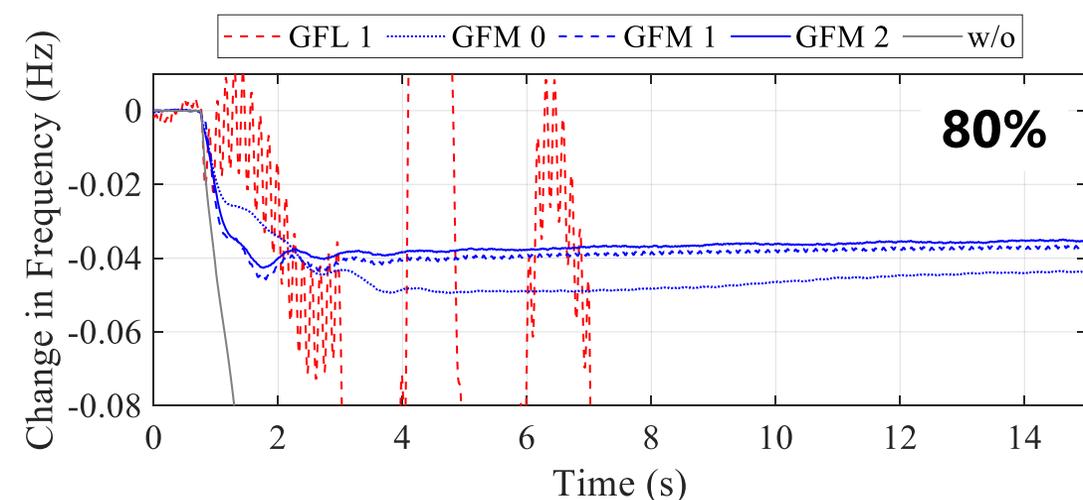
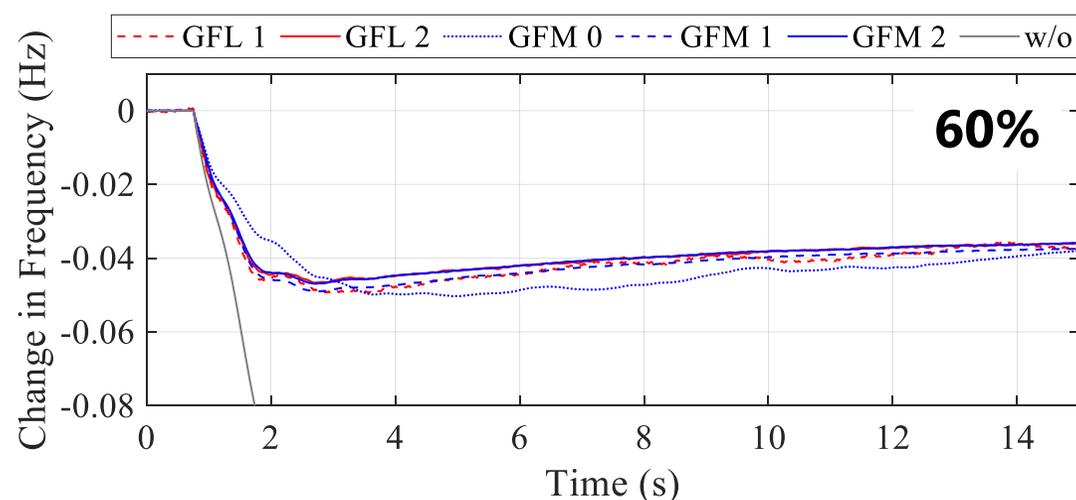
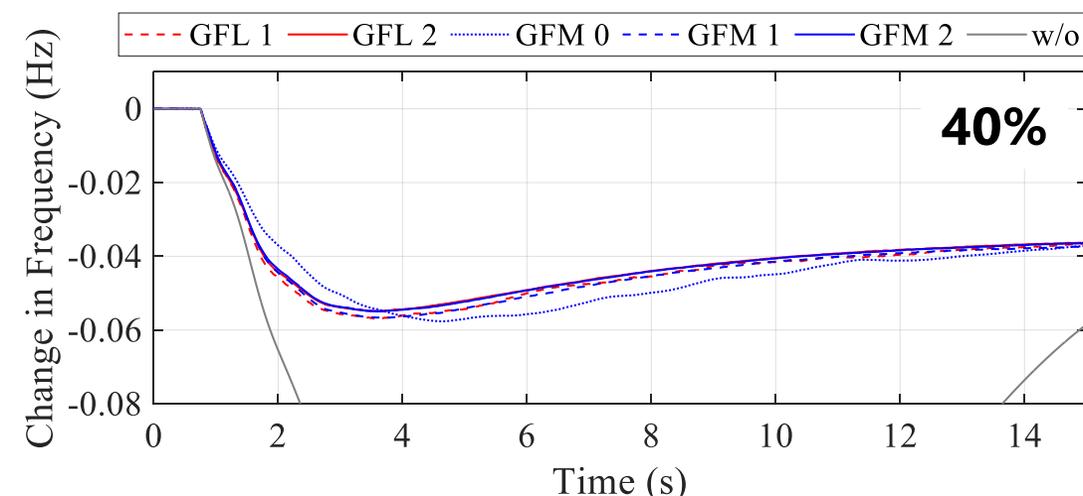
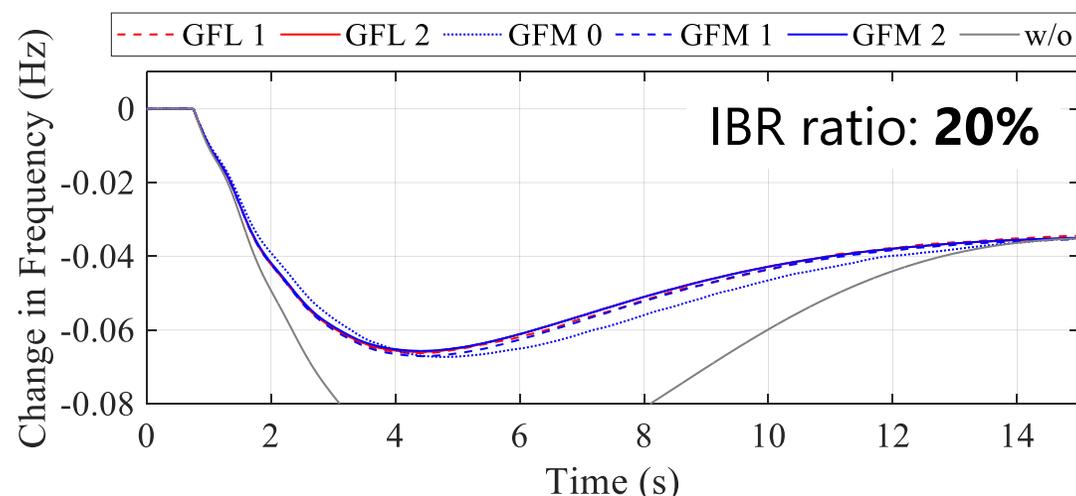
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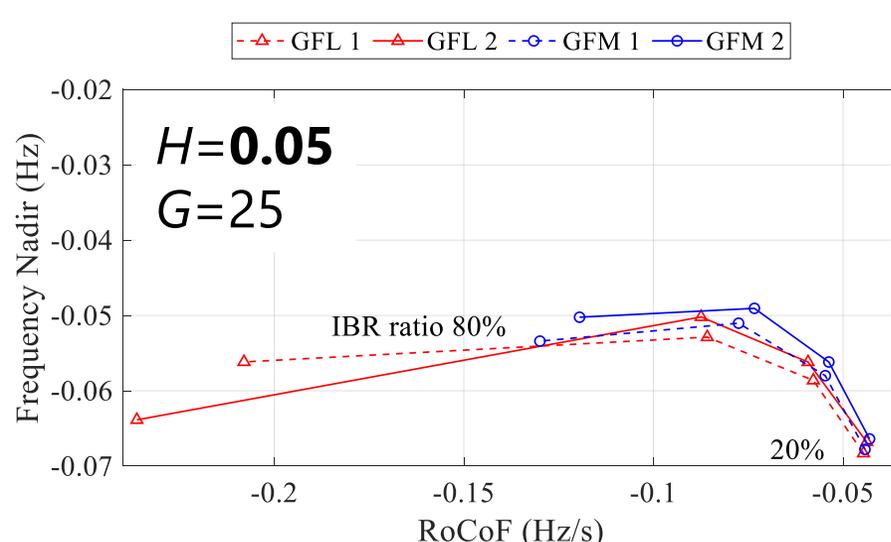
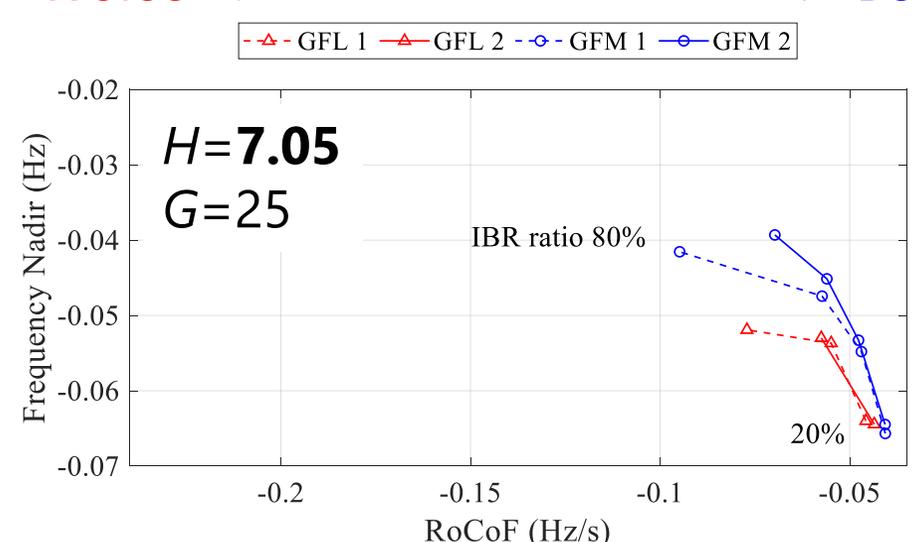
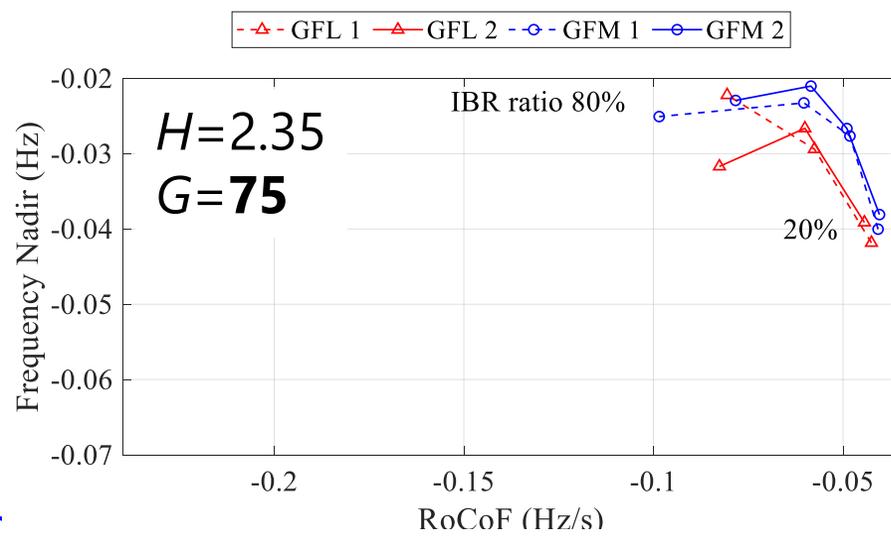
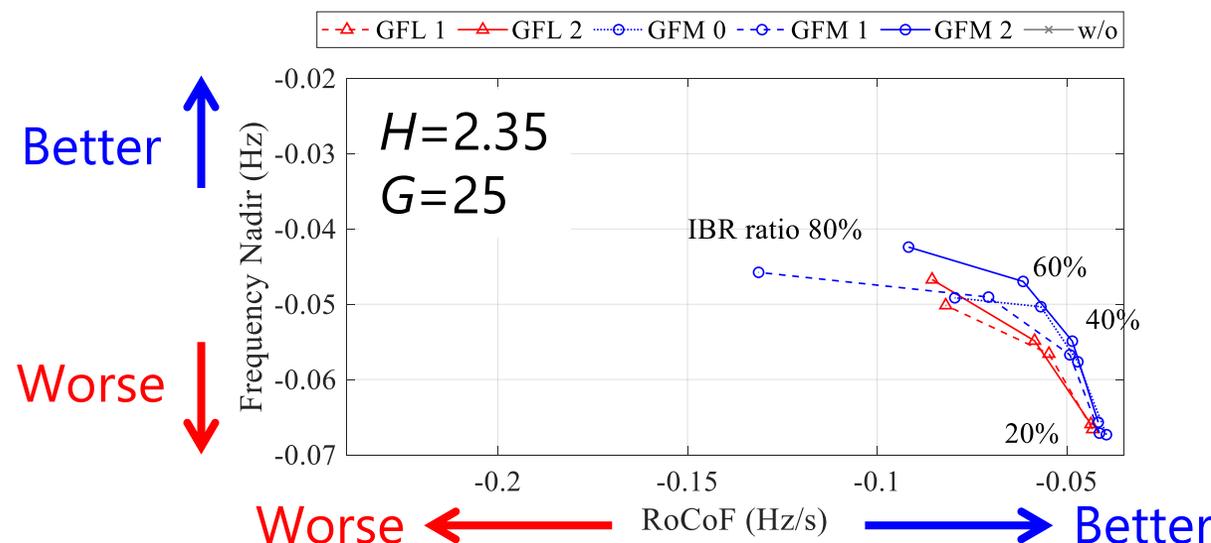
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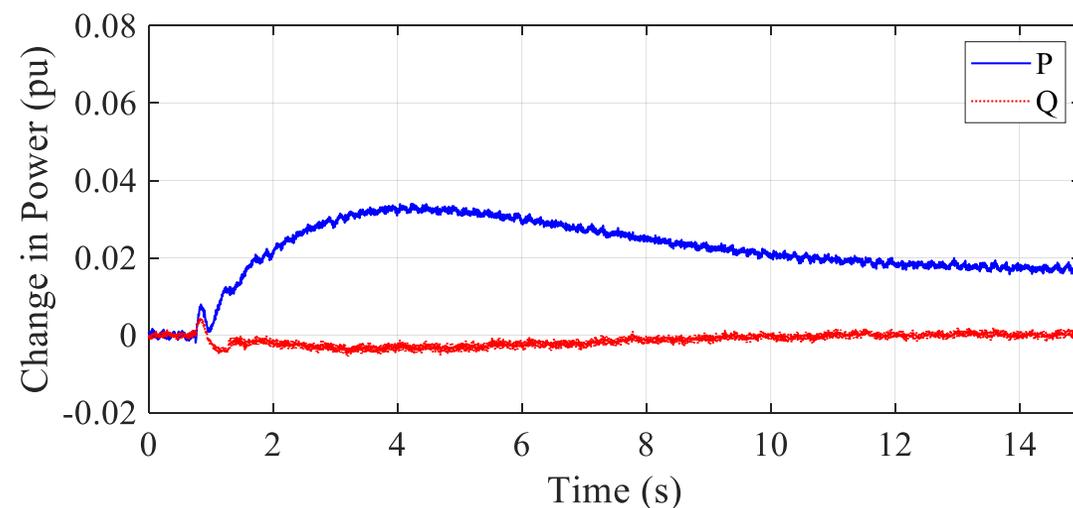
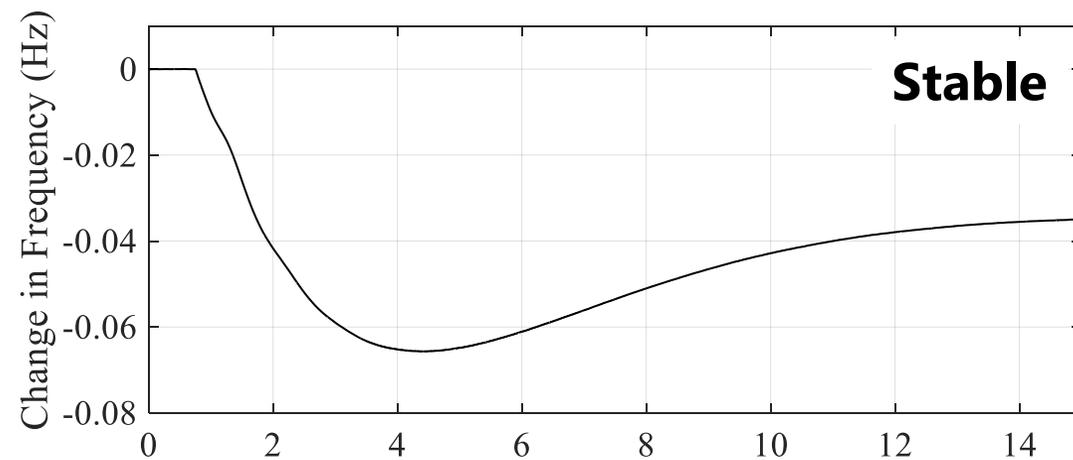
As IBR Ratio Increased, Frequency Change Increased for Conv. IBR,
Decreased for GFL and GFM Inverters. GFM Inverters were Stable at 80%.



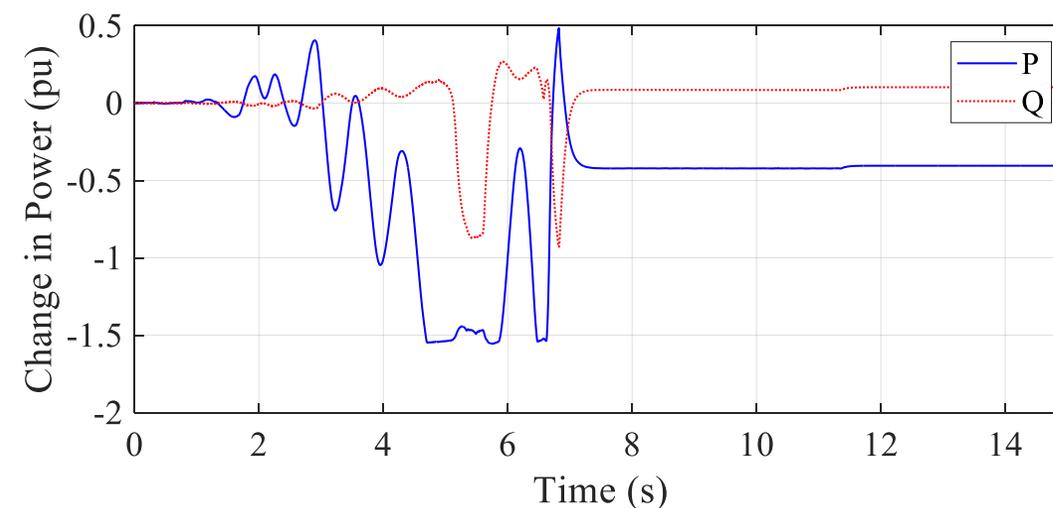
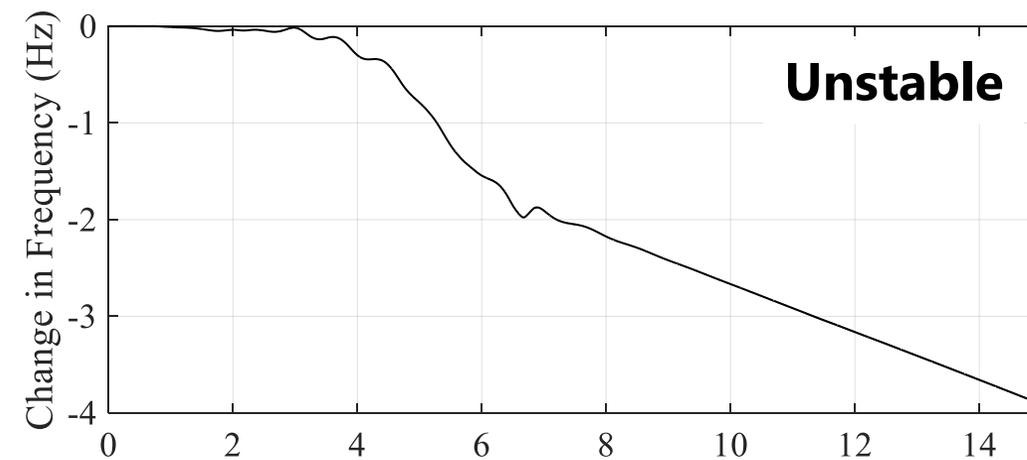
Inertia Constant "H" Affects RoCoF; Governor Gain "G" Affects Frequency Nadir (and RoCoF)



Interference Occurs between Islanding Detection and Frequency Stabilization Capability in GFM Inverter

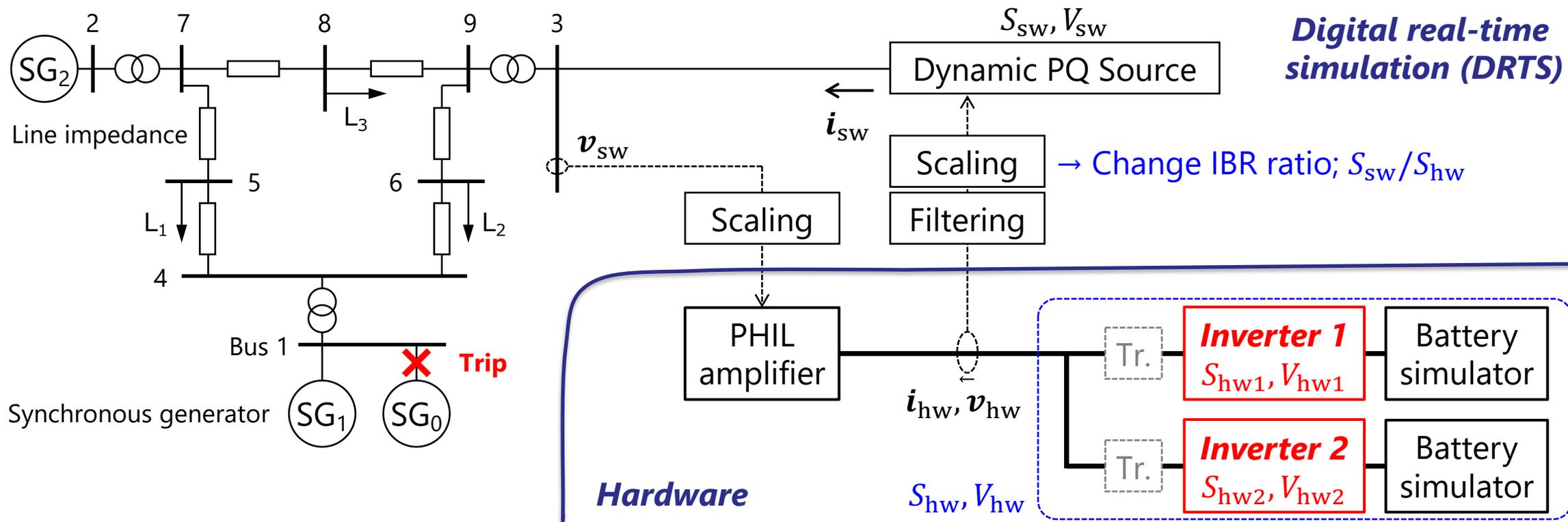


Disable islanding detection



Enable islanding detection

PHIL Testing for Multiple Inverter Combinations

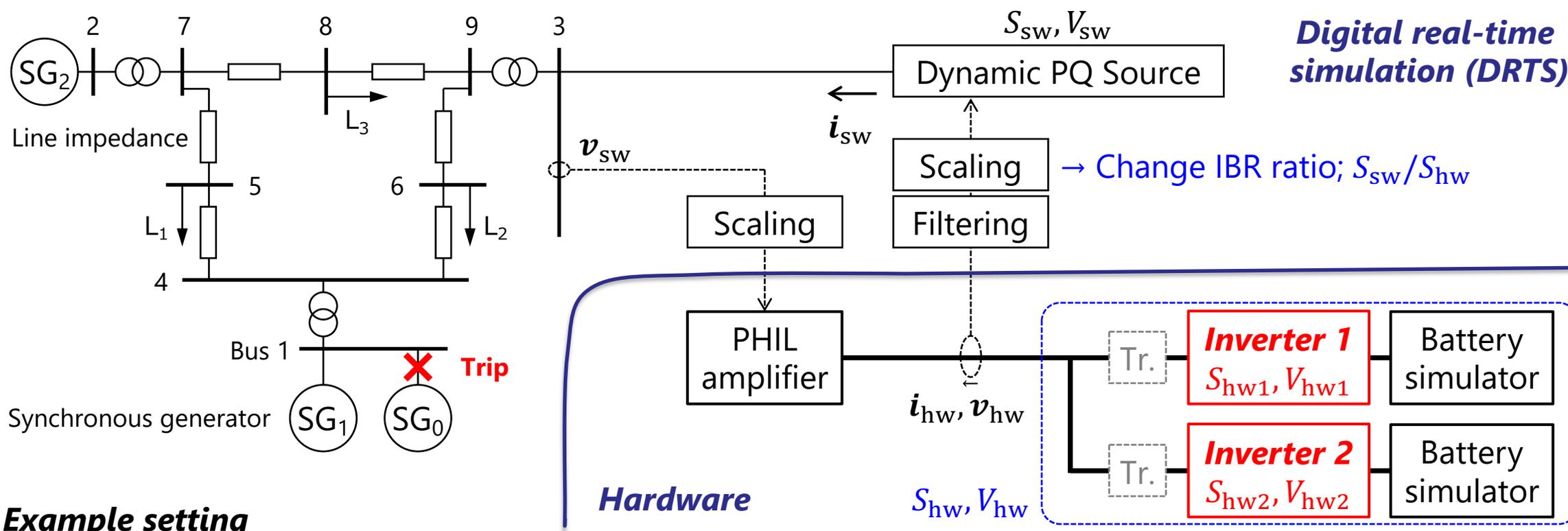


How do we test multiple inverters with different ratings?

Equalize rated capacities, voltages, and control parameters



Configuration of PHIL Testing for Multiple Inverters

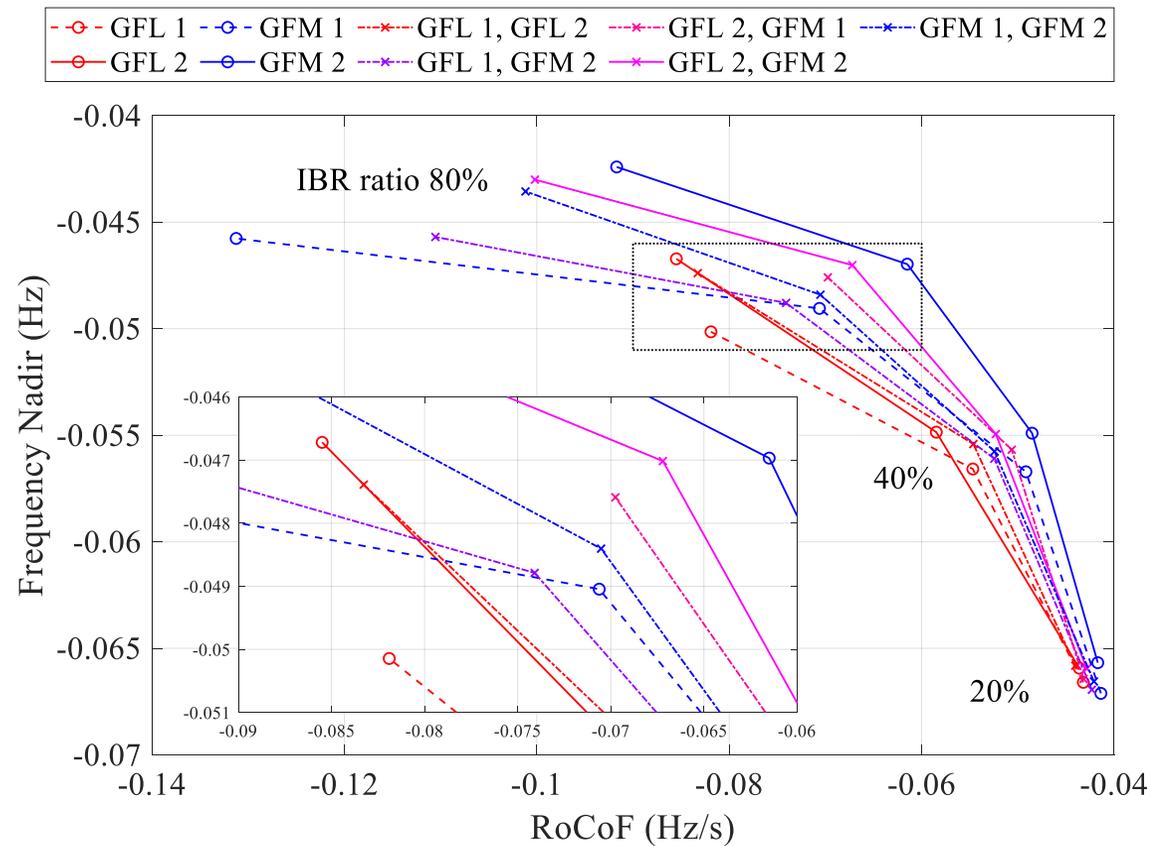


Example setting

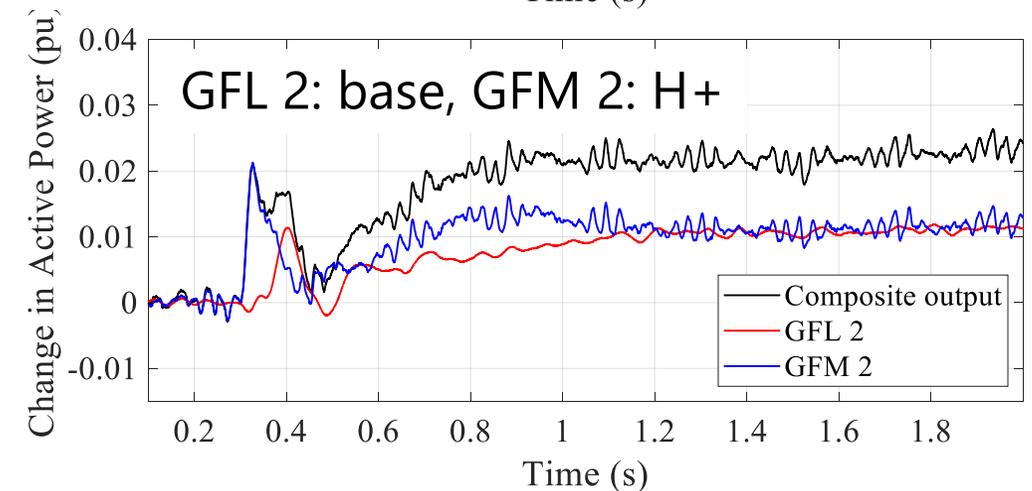
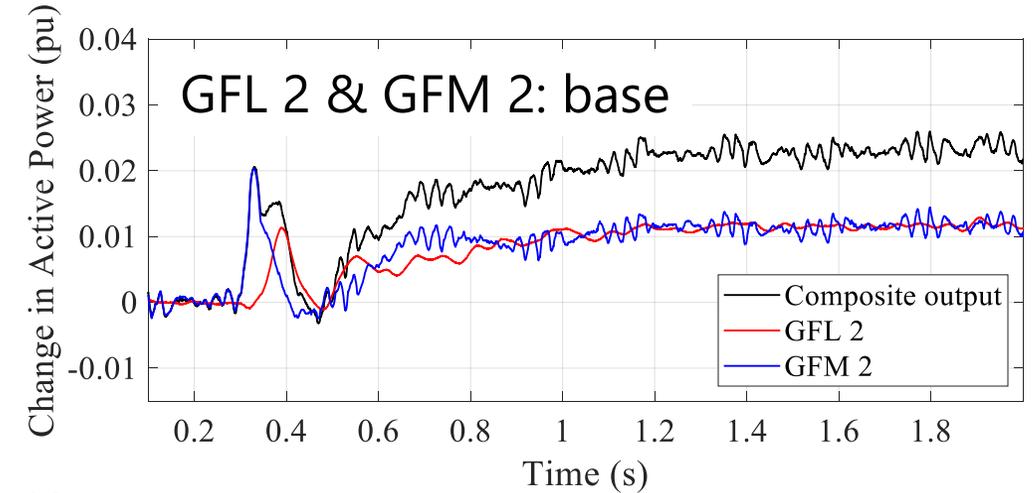
Inverter 1	$S_{hw1} = 20 \text{ kVA} \Rightarrow S'_{hw1} = 20 \text{ kVA}$	$V_{hw1} = 200 \text{ V} \Rightarrow \text{use Tr.}$	$H'_1 = \frac{S'_{hw1}}{S_{hw1}} \times H_1, G'_1 = \frac{S'_{hw1}}{S_{hw1}} \times G_1$
Inverter 2	$S_{hw2} = 50 \text{ kVA} \Rightarrow S'_{hw2} = 20 \text{ kVA}$	$V_{hw2} = 440 \text{ V}$	$H'_2 = \frac{S'_{hw2}}{S_{hw2}} \times H_2, G'_2 = \frac{S'_{hw2}}{S_{hw2}} \times G_2$
Total setting	$S_{hw} = S'_{hw1} + S'_{hw2} = 40 \text{ kVA}$	$V_{hw} = 440 \text{ V}$	-



No inverter combination caused interference that significantly worsened the grid frequency stability. Combined inverters' performance was intermediate between the performance of each inverter alone.



RoCoF and frequency nadir



Active power



Source: H. Kikusato, et al., "Power Hardware-in-the-Loop Testing for Multiple Inverters with Virtual Inertia Controls," Energy Reports (accepted).

Summary

- HIL testing is a powerful evaluation method for IBR dominant power systems
 - Can observe the interaction between IBRs and power systems
 - Can model various power systems and test inverter hardware (flexibility & fidelity)

- CHIL is simpler to implement, debug, and sensitivity analysis
 - Suitable for development phase by manufactures
 - Developed df/dt function for GFL inverter
 - Verified CHIL accuracy and performed many case studies

- PHIL is more realistic
 - Suitable for evaluation by utility
 - There are interface issues
 - Built accurate and stable PHIL test setup for GFL/GFM inverters in a low-inertia condition
 - Compared the performance of inverters from different manufacturers based on many case studies

Appendix

Conventional Japanese Conformance Testing

Tests with Changes in Voltage Magnitude, Frequency, and Phase Angle

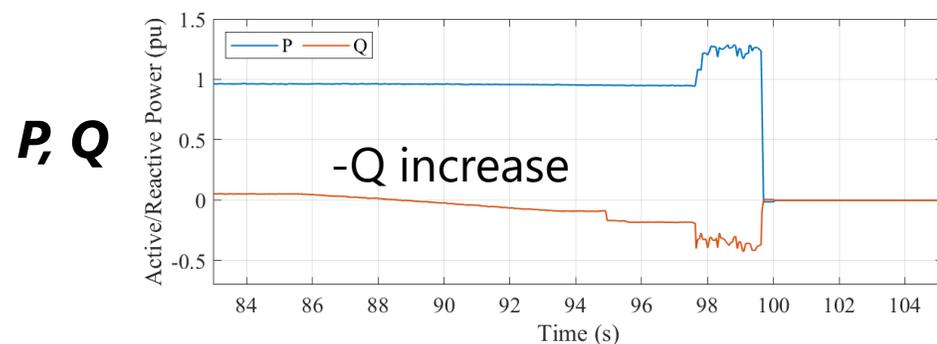
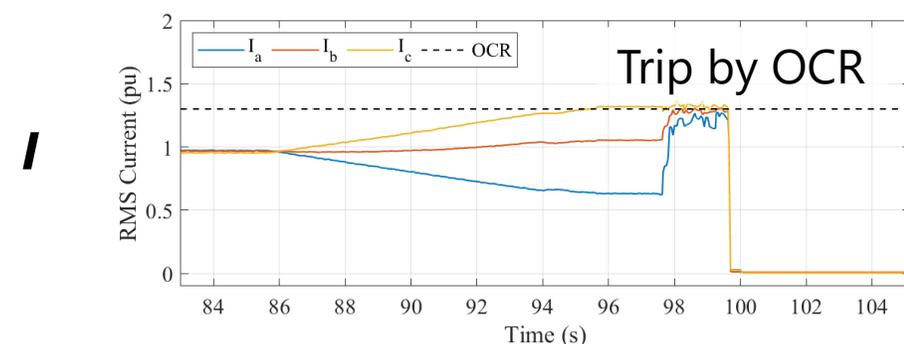
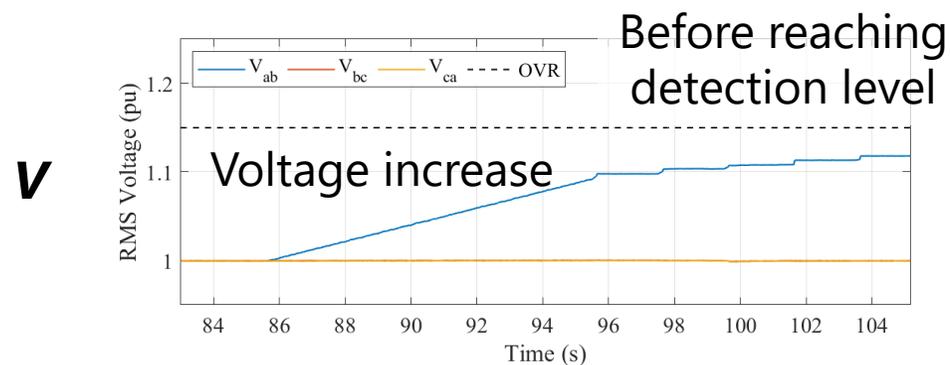
- **GFL** Inverters: Almost **Conformance** in All Tests
- **GFM** Inverters: **Non-Conformance** in Most Tests, **Three Issues** are Identified

#	Test	GFL 1	GFL 2	GFM 0	GFM 1	GFM 2
1	Test for over/under-voltage trip	C*	C	N	N	N
2	Test for over/under-frequency trip	C*	C	N	N	N
3	Unintentional islanding test	C*	C*	-	N	C*
4	Test for voltage magnitude change within continuous operation region	C	C	N	C	C
5	Test for voltage phase angle change	C	C	C	N	N
6	Test for low/high-voltage ride-through	C*	C*	N	N	N
7	Test for low/high-frequency ride-through	C	C	N	N	C

C: Conformance; N: Non-conformance; -: Not conducted

* Conformance can be expected by minor changes to device configuration, control logic, etc.

Issue 1: Unwanted Tripping by OCR due to Change in Grid Voltage



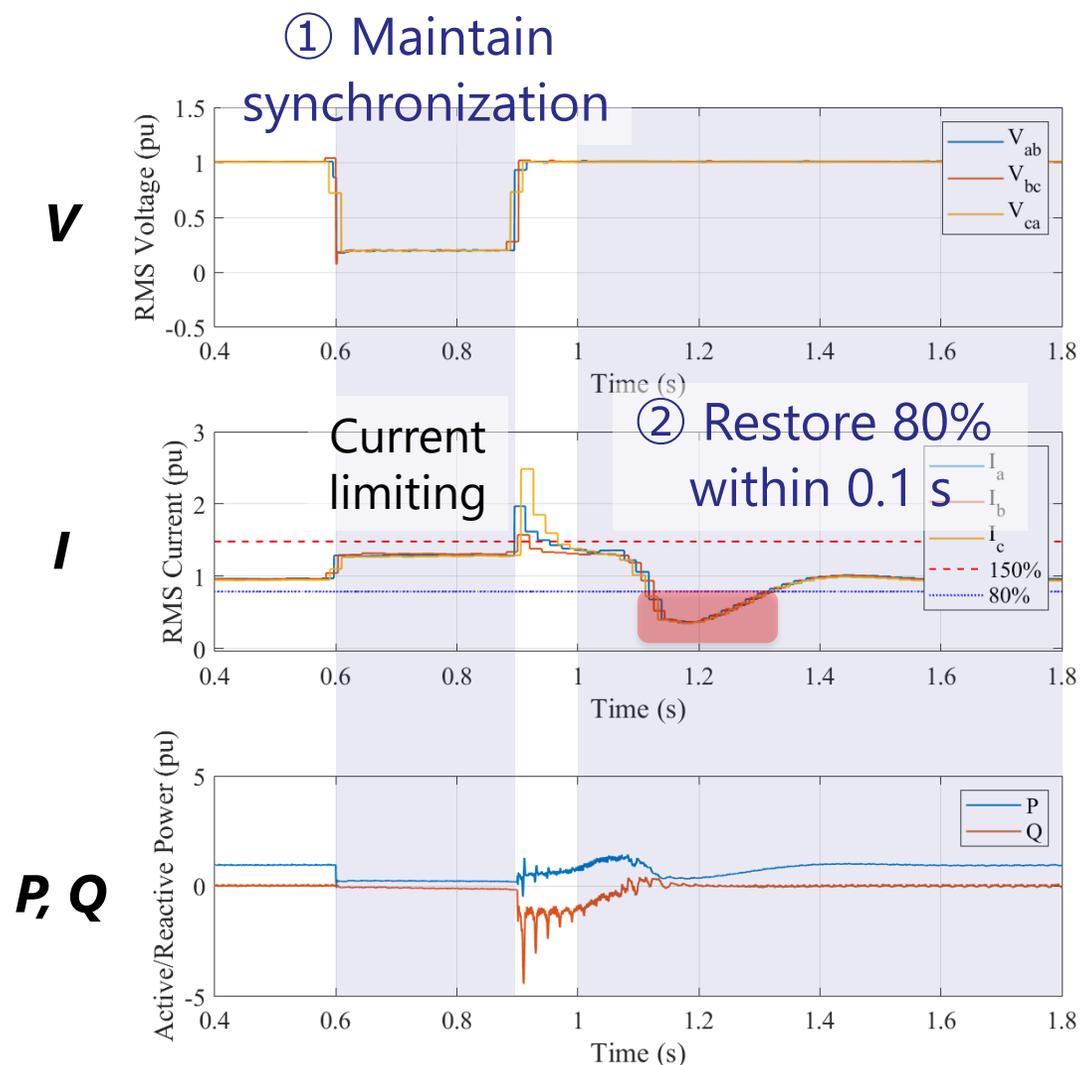
- Reason for non-conformance
 - Trip before initial state: #1, 2
 - Operation cannot continue: #4~7

- Reason for tripping due to OCR
 - GFM's voltage-source characteristic
 - No/short-term current limiting function
 - Initial P output setting was 1.0 pu

- Solution
 - Longer current limiting function
 - Decrease initial P output setting
 - Change control parameters

Test for over-voltage trip (GFM 0)

Issue 2: Active Power Swing after Recovery from Voltage Sag



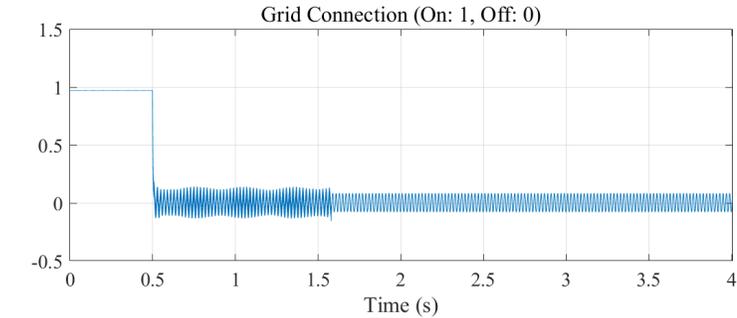
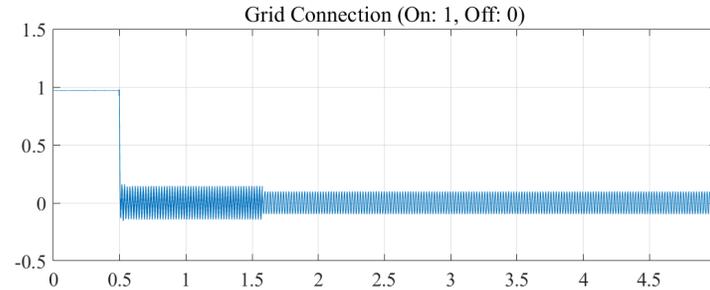
Low-voltage ride-through test (GFM 0)

- Reason for non-conformance
 - ② is not satisfied
- Reason for active power swing
 - GFM's voltage-source characteristic
- Solution
 - Change control logic/parameters
 - **Change conformance criteria**
- Cf. Conformance criteria of active power swing after voltage recovery
 - Acceptable: IEEE 1547, IEEE 2800, National Grid
 - Not noted: EN50549

Issue 3: Coexistence of Grid Stabilization Capability and Islanding Detection

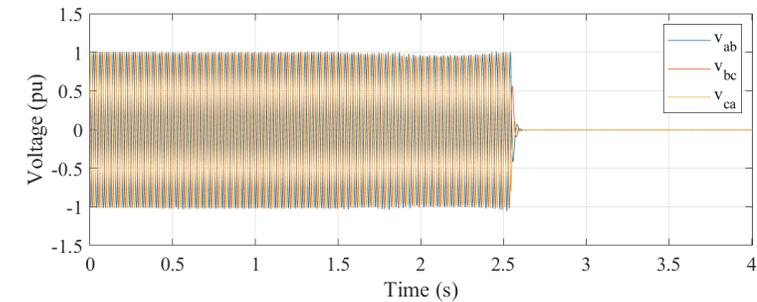
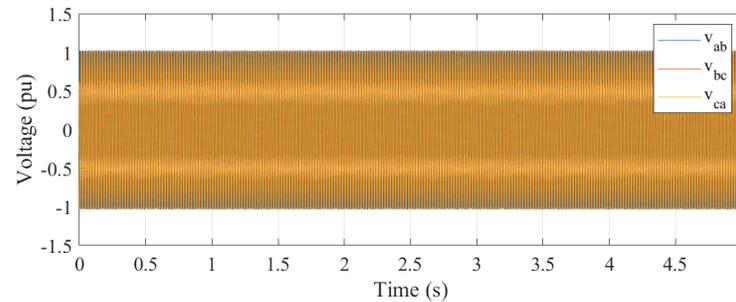
- **GFM 0**: not implemented, **GFM 1**: non-conformance but frequency was stabilized, **GFM 2**: conformance but frequency wasn't stabilized

Grid connection state

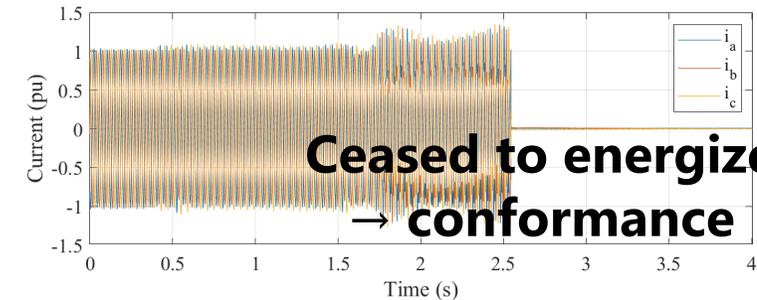
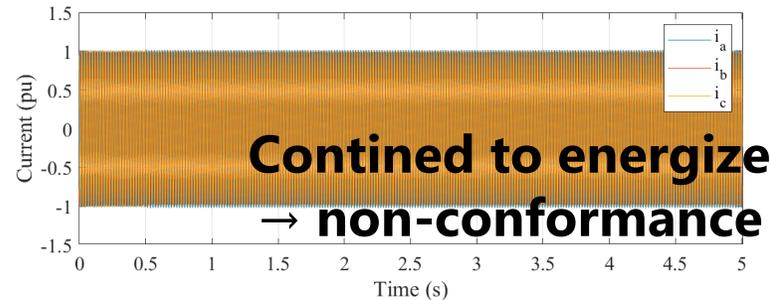


Unintentional islanding test result

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Continued to energize
→ **non-conformance**

Ceased to energize
→ **conformance**

GFM 1

GFM 2



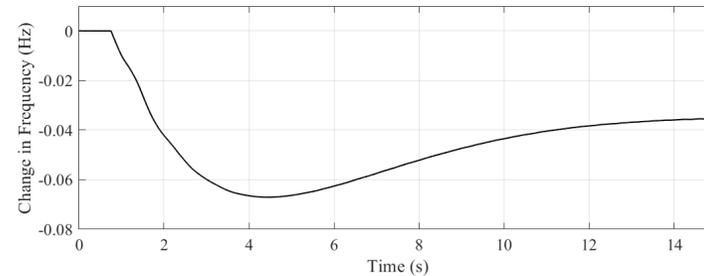
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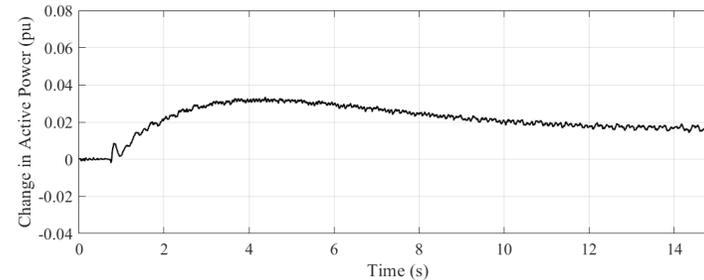
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PHIL test results
activating IDM
(Kikusato et al., 2022)

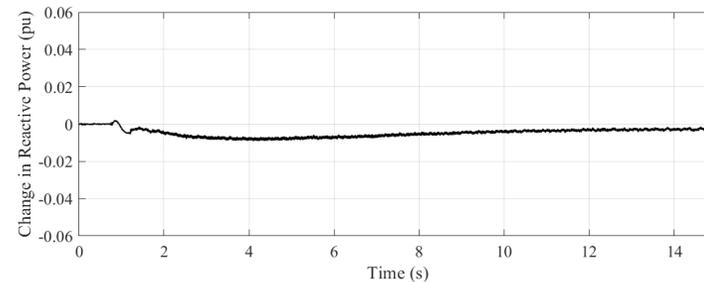
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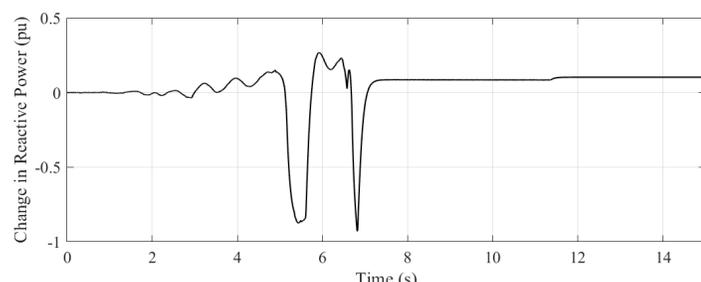
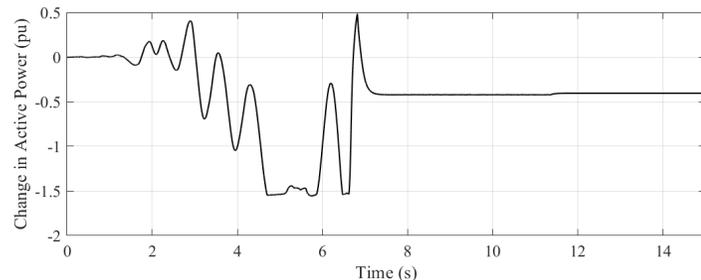
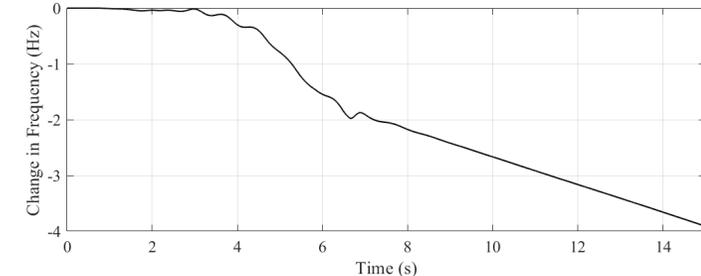


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GFM 1

Frequency was **stable**



GFM 2

Frequency was **unstable**

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